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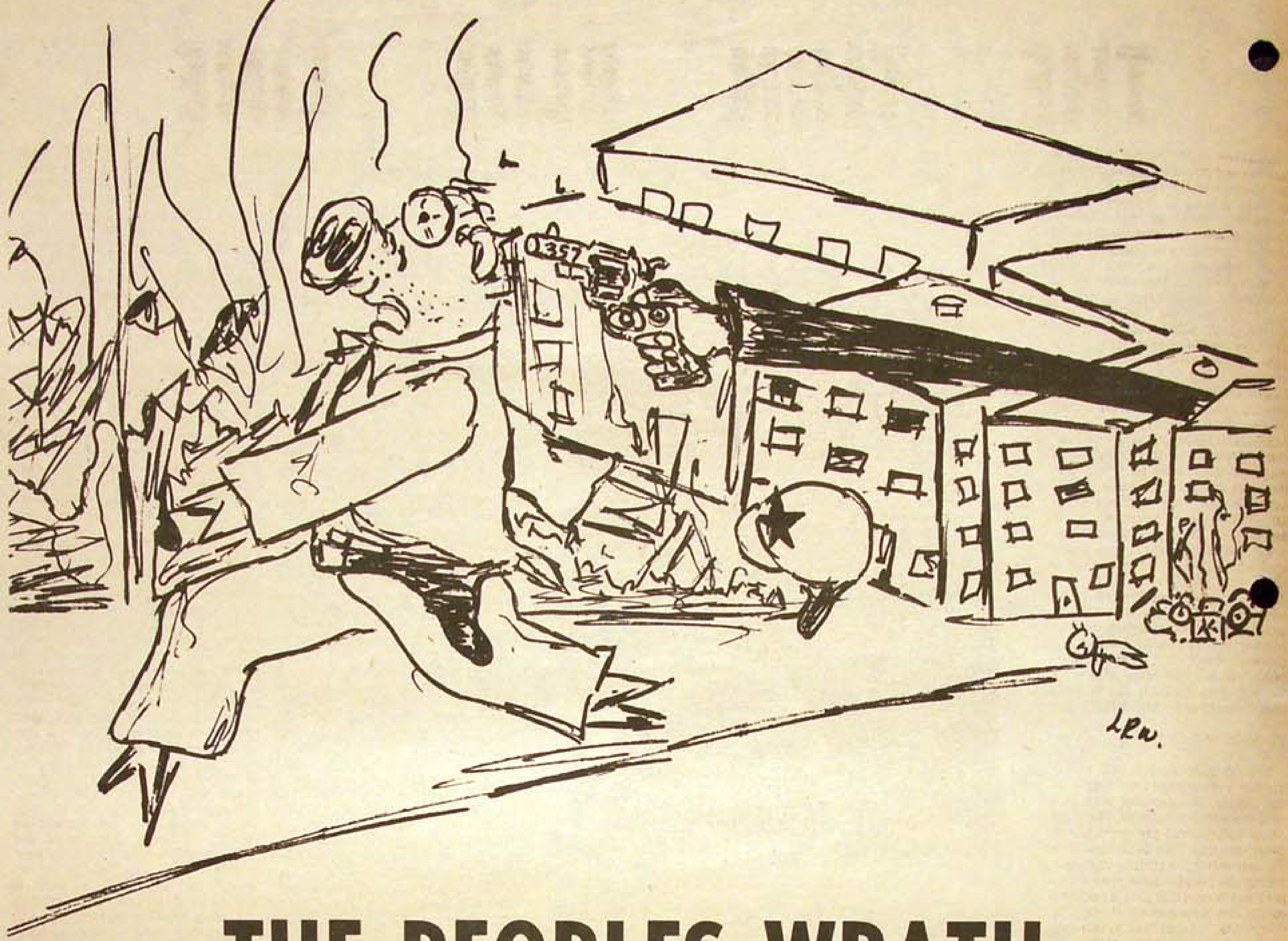
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THE PEOPLES WRATH

More than 2 years have passed since Huey P. Newton our Minister of Defense said "The racist dog policemen must cease their wanton murder, brutality, and torture of Black People, withdraw immediately from the Black community, or face the wrath of the armed people". During that period of time, the attacks by the pigs have not ceased but instead have grown more frequent and more brutal. All across this cesspool called America the courts have failed to stop these murderous butchers but have given them a green light to continue their rampage. In Greensboro, S.C., three (3) unarmed students were shot in the back and murdered by greasy state troopers and nothing was done. In San Francisco, George Baskett was murdered in plain view of the black community and his murderer, a SF pig was acquitted in court. In Berkeley the local pigs and the national guard, ran amuck and opened fire on the people, killing at least one person and wounding many more. The reason? The people had built a people's park. And just recently a Detroit pig who participated in the cowardly butcher of three (3) unarmed youths in the Algiers Motel was found not guilty and released to return and patrol the Black community.

The Black and oppressed communities across this country have learned a lesson. Everyday the truth of Huey's teachings become clearer and clearer. The Black and oppressed peoples have learned that social practice is the criterion of the truth and have picked up arms and begun to defend themselves. In city after city the pigs are being forced to retreat. The biased lying news media in this country tries to suppress the facts, but the wrath of the armed people is being leveled at the forces of oppression. Since the beginning of June, many historic events have taken place. In Newark and Trenton, N.J., after acts of police brutality, the people, using hit and run tactics, put the torch to the oppressors property and temporarily forced the occupying pig force to withdraw. The city of Hartford, Conn. was ablaze for 3 days with the flames of peoples' war following acts of police brutality. In Sacramento, California, 3 pigs were wounded by gunfire as peoples' warriors put fire to their ass in retaliation for more than 350 years of oppression and tyranny. Our Chairman Bobby Seale has often said "A pig, is a pig, is a pig", and knowing that the U.S Army is just an extension of the pigs, early one morning some peoples' warriors in a light airplane carried out a bombing raid on a missle base in Southern California. Two pigs in Ithaca, New York won't be returning to the Black community too soon due to the work of liberation fighters there, and the pigs in Cairo, Illinois are riding very shaky after being fired upon and having holes shot all through their tin cars by armed liberation fighters moving for freedom.

Let all the oppressors of the people beware. The wrath of the armed people stretches a long way. As David Hilliard, our Chief of Staff, has said, "Adolph Eichman should stand as an example for all the murders of mankind". The oppressor must not and will not be allowed any rest. Once the people grasp more fully the teachings of Huey P. Newton and then put these teachings into practice, the world will truly belong to the people. As Chairman Mao points out, "Wipe out some, some satisfaction, Wipe out more, more satisfaction. Wipe out the whole lot, complete satisfaction."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
They can jail revolutionaries, but they CANNOT jail the revolution
Landon Williams
Political Prisoner

THE POWER OF THE FRONT

America, the finance capital of the world will soon be on its knees to the poor and oppressed people of the world. The Black Panther Party has exposed and will continue to expose fascist America for the shit that it has perpetrated against the people of America and the world. The murder, imprisonment, and exploitation of the people will no longer be tolerated because the revolutionary forces in America have the fascist pig monster by his ass. His ass is ours, and through THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM we will have his mama's ass and his papa's ass and the crumbling of his decadent system.

The United Front Against Fascism will be and must be the most dynamite, revolutionary conference this world has ever seen-- the birth and eruption of revolutionary solidarity of the oppressed people of America, the exposure of fascist America, and organization of a revolutionary fever, from within . The solidarity of all revolutionary forces of Babylon to thwart its extermination of the peoples movement. We have a unique situation in America because of the immense power that Uncle Sam maintains; his power of finance, demagogy, and his power of the gun. But in reality he is not so powerful because once the people become hip to his game through a revolutionary education and THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM, his ass is grass because "The spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology", and the people are the ones who make revolution, and if the government cannot function for the people, then it will not function at all. The United Front Against Fascism will educate the people to a level of political awareness where they will say "up against the wall" and if you don't stop your repression of the people's movement, we will deal with you

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Gene Jones

THE CASE OF LARRY POWELL LIAR AND TRAITOR

In January 1969, a group of renegades were expelled from the Black Panther Party on the West coast. They had stolen guns from the Party and proceeded to rob a tavern where they were caught. The Party refused to put bond on these renegades, because they were not working in the interest of the masses and were promptly expelled from the Party.

After spending a few months in jail, one of these renegades, Larry Powell decided the Party was wrong when it wouldn't back his selfish and greedy motives. Meanwhile, back at the pig pen, the Senate, had been trying to find out "who was who" in SDS. When the FBI reported that there was some mad fool in California propagating madness about the Black Panther Party, the Permanent Senate Investigating Sub-Committee had spasms. Powell was paid well to come to Washington, and he brought his sidekick, his wife, Jean (Tonto) Powell with him for the big show. They performed well. Both were wearing all black, including black berets and dark sunglasses. They appeared before the mass media like "your everyday Black Militant." Powell said the Party was not practicing what it preached. He testified that the Party was involved in crimes against the people and that the Party was ordering Panthers to rob and murder the the masses.

The Black Panther Party is not worried by what Larry Powell told the Senate. Because Larry Powell lied. The only thing that nigger missed was robbing blindmen and stealing wheels off of baby strollers. The people must become aware of what the Party is doing. The Breakfast for Children, Free Health Clinics, and the hundreds of boxes of food given away to the community is only a portion of what we are doing for the masses.

The Party is a disciplined political body. There are 26 rules that are required to be observed by all members. Rule 5 states, "No Party member will use, point, or fire a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentaly at anyone." Larry Powell violated this rule and he was expelled. Not a drop-out but a kick-out. When adventurous fools that are trying to make a mockery out of the Party are found, they are promptly expelled.

"WHEN THE OPPRESSOR MAKES A VICIOUS ATTACK AGAINST FREEDOM FIGHTERS DUE TO THE WAY SUCH FREEDOM FIGHTERS CHOOSE TO GO ABOUT THEIR LIBERATION, THEN WE KNOW WE ARE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR LIBERATION"

Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party

THE THIN BLUE LINE

America is doomed. This is a fact beyond dispute. Besieged by all the peoples of the world, America is being forced to withdraw. The capitalist rulers of this country everyday see their dreams of world empire crumbling into dust beneath their very feet. Not only is America on the retreat all around the world but internally America is falling apart. All the lying tricks that the demogogical politicians and avaricious businessmen used in the past to keep the people divided, confused and passified are no longer working. The forces of liberation have knocked the glittering outer shell away from the American nightmare in all its hideous oppressive forms. Unable to maintain their rule by tricks and lies, the greedy capitalist rulers have turned to the last resort of all tyrants and madmen, brute force and terror. Around the world the forces of liberation are confronted by the mercenaries of U.S. Army, Air Force, and Navy. And here in the confines of decadent America the forces of liberation in the colony and oppressor country are presently being confronted by an equally vicious pack of parasites. The hired killers of the pig departments, the men in blue. America's thin Blue Line.



LANDON R. WILLIAMS, POLITICAL PRISONER

The Scum of Society

Forced into retreat, the ruling circles have scraped the bottom of the barrel to assemble this last desperate line of defense. The local state and federal pig forces who constitute this Thin Blue Line live by murdering, maiming and torturing the people. Last year a report was issued that gave a rundown on the men who make up the pig departments. According to this report, the pigs constitute all the failures and derelicts of society. Unable to find jobs in other fields, and failing in all their other attempts, these derelicts turn to all the degenerate sadistic Ku Klux Klansmen, Minutemen, perverts, gangsters and alcoholics that this sick society produces. The idea of the friendly neighborhood policeman is nothing but another illusion of the American dream that vanishes rapidly on contact with reality. Historically the pig departments throughout this country have been nothing but hired killers for the power structure. Under the clothes of the policeman's star sadistically dressed in blue he can maim , torlture, and kill at will with complete impunity, and for doing it well, can receive medals and bonuses. It's a well known fact that the pig departments in the large cities regularly recruit southern racists who are paid $800.00 or more per month to patrol the Black communities, murdering and brutalizing Black people--all in the name of some so-called American law and order. Catholic Mayor Allioto of San Francisco,' who goes to church every Sunday, has his own special unit of Italian gansters clothed in blue and paid by the people. This wing of the mafia known as the tactical squad is used regularly to suppress the people of San Francisco at good Catholic Allioto's command, even going so far as viciously clubbing and macing peace demonstrators inside of Grace Cathedral. The tactics of Catholic Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago's gangster pig department is well known to the people who attended and had their heads busted open and bloodied at last years Democratic Convention. These Irish pigs of Daley's were acting like rabid dogs attacking everything that moved. Once they were turned loose no one who wasn't in Blue was spared.

Dangerous and Isolated

Those weaklings and perverts look upon themselves as defenders of the American way of life, shouldering the "Whiteman's Burdern" and holding back the barbaric hordes who would destroy civilization. In many ways the pigs are far more dangerous than the military, for unlike the military, who are not allowed to bring their weapons home on leave, the pigs are never unarmed. There are many many examples of off-duty pigs killing and maiming people. George Baskett was murdered by a drunken off-duty San Francisco Irish pig named O'Brien. Shortly before that another off-duty pig shot and wounded his neighbor in the head one morning because he was mad at a cat on his back fence and last year the news of three off duty pigs having a shoot out and killing each other on the freeway following a traffic accident filled the newspapers. There have been repeated public outcrys to disarm off-duty pigs, but the pigs still have their guns. The pigs are not only dangerous but they are also isolated. Their actions are so repulsive to the other segments of society that no one, not even their bosses, like them or wants to be around them. No one associates with them but other pigs. As a result of this the pigs have formed a caste consciousness which makes them doubly dangerous. This small armed body exercises power far beyond what their numbers should command. In New York last summer, the head of the 28,000 member policeman's association went on television and publically oinked in the peoples faces and stated that they, the pigs, would no longer take orders from the politicians and city council. As pigs, he oinked, they knew the law, they had the guns and no one, no matter who, was going to tell them how to police the city. At that time the pigs had machine guns mounted on the roofs of the schools, to keep the people in the poor communities, from opening the city schools to teach their own children since the racist teachers union was on strike. There was very little protest from Mayor Lindsay's office and no action was taken because he, like the other avaricious businessmen, rely on the pigs to maintain their slippery footing.

Running Amuck Without Restraint

The Thin Blue Line is completely out of the people's control and running amuck. The pigs break every law in the land, and if and when brought to court are always found "not guilty" and are released. Last year following the railroading of our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, Mayor Redding of Oakland had 2,000 Oakland pigs, most of the Highway Patrol, pigs from neighboring communities and several thousand National guard troops staked out in and around Oakland trying to spring a trap on the Panthers. Instead, following Huey's orders, the Panthers were cool and the pigs blew their minds. They had just been issued new weapons by the federal pigs and were raving mad with power. As a result the pigs turned to their bottled courage, got drunk and shot up the Panther office. The pigs were so drunk they even shot up their own squad car. When the pigs were brought to court the case was thrown out due to "insufficient evidence", despite the fact that there were witnesses to the incident and the pigs had shot up their own squad car. The pigs are outside the law and drunk with power. In Los Angeles, Leonard Dedwiler was murdered by a big highway patrolman whose .357 magnum "accidently" went off after he stopped Dedwiler for speeding. Dedwiler was taking his pregnant wife to the hospital. The coroners verdict: justifiable homocide. In Washington, D. C. this filthy nation's capital, last summer, a crazed pig murdered a black man in the streets for jay walking and was never brought to court. The instances of pigs playing judge, Jury, and Executioner on "suspected" criminals are too numerous to be listed here. In most cases if the person had been found guilty in court the sentence would have been less than 6 months, but the pigs see to it that they never get to court. Over the past year the pigs in their filthy blue uniforms have attacked the people in every major city throughout America. In order to try and silence some of the protest being raised by the people, the local politicians and avaricious businessmen have dangled the idea of community review boards in front of the people. But the people are beyond such tricks and they know, as David Hilliard, our Chief of Staff, has said, that such talk is nonsense: "We cannot waste time talking about community police review boards because a community review board will not act as a shield for a .357 magnum bullet. We know that the only way to stop these motherfuckers is by picking up guns and killing those motherfuckers before they get a chance to kill us".

Thin Out The Line

Their speed and mobility make the pigs look far more numerous than they really are. There are only 200,000 pigs in the entire country and they are spread out mighty thin. There are 28,000 pigs in New York but there are about 2 million black people in Harlem. Although the pigs have cars that can reach 120 miles per hour on the freeways, a 30-06 bullet travels at 33,000 feet per second and armor piercing bullets go through armor plate. The Thin Blue Line survives by using terror tactics like Hitler's Gestapo. Whenever there's a disturbance they amass a large number of pigs on the scene and by a show of force try to scare the people into submission. By taking advantage of the terrain and using the correct tactics the people can deal with any situation. When making a raid, the pigs try to use guerrilla tactics on the people. They sneak into the community in the dead of night, usually between 3:00 - 4:00 in the morning. Like the cowards they are 10-25 of them vamp on one person or family, ransack their home and then hastily retreat back to the safety of the pig pen to return when the sun is up to oink in the faces of the people. By rigging a system of community alarms and establishing community defense teams, the people could quickly put a stop to this type of shit. All it takes is courage and determination. The days of the pigs are numbered. Every day the Thin Blue Line gets worn thinner and thinner. Last year 167 pigs were thinned out by liberation fighters and this year looks as though it will surpass last year. Like the Roman legions were smashed by the people who valued freedom above Roman values, so will the blue line be smashed. History shows that there never has been an oppressive society that the people could not topple--and so it will be with America. When the people rise like a mighty storm the Thin Blue Line will be trampled into the dust. As Huey P. Newton teaches us, "The oppressor must be allowed no peace by day or night, he must be harassed until his doom".

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Landon Williams
Political Prisoner

PIGS BEAT BLACK EPILEPTIC

(Fred News Service, June 28)

Southsider Percy Thomas, 40, is an epileptic who manages to lead a normal life except when stress, strain and overwork cause his affliction to flare up. Today was such an occasion. He started to become ill while riding the 'El' home from work, and got off at the Paulina stop to seek assistance. What he got instead was a vicious, unprovoked beating by a black pig who happened to be standing near the cashier's cage. Thomas was hit on the head with a bill club, hit in the eye, pushed down a flight of stairs. When he tried to protect himself, the pig knocked him down again, stomped him in the chest, and kicked him in the left side. (It was later determined that Thomas has 2 broken ribs.) While he was on the ground, Thomas heard the pig use his walkie-talkie to call for help, and within minutes ten more pigs were on the scene to take him to Monroe Street Station, where he was held without medical attention or food until 8am Sunday morning in the drunk tank. Although he had $30 in cash, he wasn't allowed to bail himself out ($25). He was allowed to make a phone call, but only after paying the desk sergeant $2. On Sunday, he and other prisoners were taken to a courtroom in the station where a judge read their names from a list and told him he was free to go. A complaint has been filed with the U.S. attorney's office. Percy Thomas' story is one in a series being run by the Daily Defender in the "hope that an aroused community will cause police brutality to end."

FASCISTS MURDER PROFESSOR

Dr. Phillip Caplan, a college professor here in the Bay Area on his vacation, was beaten by two fascist, perverted pigs while he was taking his daughter for a walk in an Oakland park. The professor left his little girl to go to the men's room. Because of a medical problem he had, he had to go a second time. Hanging around the toilet were two out of uniform fascist pigs. They approached Dr. Caplan and asked if he had any money. He said yes and they asked how much in the manner of hold-up men. When they asked him what he did, he said he was a professor and they knocked him down and kicked and beat him. He had to plead with his vicious kidnappers to take his little daughter with them to the Pig Pen.

Dr. Caplan's wife was given the run around when she tried to bail her husband out of jail. While this was happening, Dr. Caplan was being harassed by the fascist overseer. They warned him not to try to get an attorney. Within 48 hours, the professor was dead. The murderous fascist pigs that killed him are lurking in some toilet waiting to murder their next victim. The executioners were identified as C. Thomas and A. Smith.

FASCIST PIGS VAMP ON SAN DIEGO PANTHER OFFICE

Last Monday night, July 14th the fascist storm troopers of San Diego broke into the headquarters of the Black Panther Party Branch in San Diego. The office was empty and closed at the time. The pigs justified their thievish acts with some bullshit they call a municipal warrant. These fascist swine stole weapons, all of which were legal. They busted the lock on the door. Desks were overturned and the contents spread all over the floor.

The fascists are stepping up their repressive action every day. They are less and less concerned with their own laws. Just a few short weeks ago they wer. unable to justify their attack on the Sacramento,California office nor did they attempt to. The food and personal property they destroyed was never paid for. However the property they destroyed belongs to the people and is used to serve the people. The people will tire of these fascist acts and will rise up and sweep all these evil gentry and corrupt politicians into their graves.

FROM A LOWER LEVEL



This fascist and racist power structure here in Babylon (alias America) has moved its tactics of suppression of the B.P.P. from the lower level, of arresting brothers and sisters on the street, and illegally searching them (and sometimes planting illegal items on their persons), to stopping so-called Panther cars and conducting illegal searches and seizures, breaking into brothers and sisters homes like the pigley thieves that they are, and stealing articles ranging from money to defense weapons.

Threatening sisters and brothers by pointing M-16 rifles and shotguns at them, cowardly driving by in tin cars shooting up B.P.P. offices; they even went so far, (on this lower level) that 25 off-duty pigs slithered into a New York court building wearing "Wallace for President" buttons and attacked 5 Panthers who were there to view a brother's trial. I could go on and on talking about this lower level of suppression by the buffoon pigs against brothers and sisters in the Party, but if you're Black or a mother country radical, you most likely have experienced these same forms of oppression by your local pig department. But now all of a sudden this fascist power structure here in Babylon has seen fit to move its suppression of the B.P.P. from a lower to a higher level. Now before we discuss this higher form of oppression being implemented against the peoples' vanguard, let's review the slimy pigs who are directing this lower form of oppression. We have pig mayors coast to coast such as "Al Capone" Alioto in San Francisco, Pig Redding in Oakland, Pig Daley in Chicago, Pig Lindsay in New York and many other fascist, racist mayors who are masterminding these atrocious crimes against the people. The tools that they use to carry out this lower form of oppression is made up of the slimy pigley drags of society. Minutemen, Birchites, Ku Klux Klansmen and members of the Nazi party disguised as your friendly neighborhood police officer. That is a slap in the peoples' face and these pigs who run around oinking in the face of the people, committing these crimes are often found to be masquerading around as the victims of unprovoked attacks. Example-- "Oink, he looked at me like he was going to throw a pencil at me, Oink. I didn't know what was in the pencil, Oink. He looked like it, Oink, so I shot him with my .357 magnum, Oink".

Riding around oinking in their tin cars, using gestapo tactics against the people should not and will not be tolerated, as our Minister of Defense has said, "The racist dog oppressor policemen must cease their wanton murder, brutality, and torture of Black people, withdraw immediately from the Black community or face the wrath of the armed people."



TO A HIGHER LEVEL

This higher form of oppression includes wild, cowardly attacks such as the murdering of 21 Panthers over the past year. The bombing of Panther offices in Des Moines, Iowa and in San Francisco. The destruction of hundreds of dollars of food that was to be used for the Breakfast for Children program, the kidnapping, defamation of character and incarceration of the Panther 21 in New York and charging them with something so erroneous as "plotting to blow up department stores during rush hours!!" Jailing the acting Deputy Minister of Defense in New Jersey and charging him with allegedly kidnapping a Jewish rabbi's aide out of a Jewish synagogue, the incarceration of the Deputy Chairman of Illinois, Fred Hampton and sentencing him to 2 - 5 years in prison for allegedly being present when some hungry children moved to obtain ice cream from the avaricious businessmen by any means necessary. The Party Deputy Chairman of Iowa was framed and received a sentence of 25 years in prison for, oinked the pigs "Being around firearms!" The Connecticut 8 being jailed and charged with a murder and kidnapping which in reality the pigs committed! I don't have enough room to tell you of the countless other Panthers framed and sentenced to jail. We've also had attempts by the pigs to secretly destroy the Breakfast for Children Program. They wouldn't dare attack it openly. And to give you an idea of the mentality of the pigs, brothers and sisters at the Denver office in Colorado, collected toys for children to be distributed during the Christmas time, but the punk, jive ass pig broke into the office and destroyed them all? And the foul pigs are now masterminding new attacks. For one we find Tricky Dicky Mill House Nixon heading the slimy pig sty. Right behind him we have that righteous, feeble-minded, decrepit punk J. Edgar Hoover and his band of Hoods, the FBI and many other super pigs groveling in the murk and mire of these foul pigley deeds being committed against the Party.

But why have these buffoon pigs moved things from a lower level to a higher level? What is the Black Panther Party doing now that it wasn't doing before? Well, we've exposed the American Dream and shown it as it really is--the American Nightmare. We've implemented the Breakfast for Children Programs all across the decadent confines of America. We are moving now to open free medical clinics for all oppressed people; the starting of liberation schools. All these are socialistic programs which these capitalistic pigs hate. But we say Fuck the Pigs because we have the interest of the people at heart and we will fulfill the people's needs and wants.

No matter how high a level Tricky Dicky Nixon and punk ass J. Edgar Hoover thinks, the Black Panther Party will be standing right there in defense of the people going tit for tat until the pigs' inevitable doom; because to make trouble, fail; make trouble, fail; until their doom...is the logic of the imperialists. Try..fail..try.. fail.. until the final victory; such is the logic of people!

LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE

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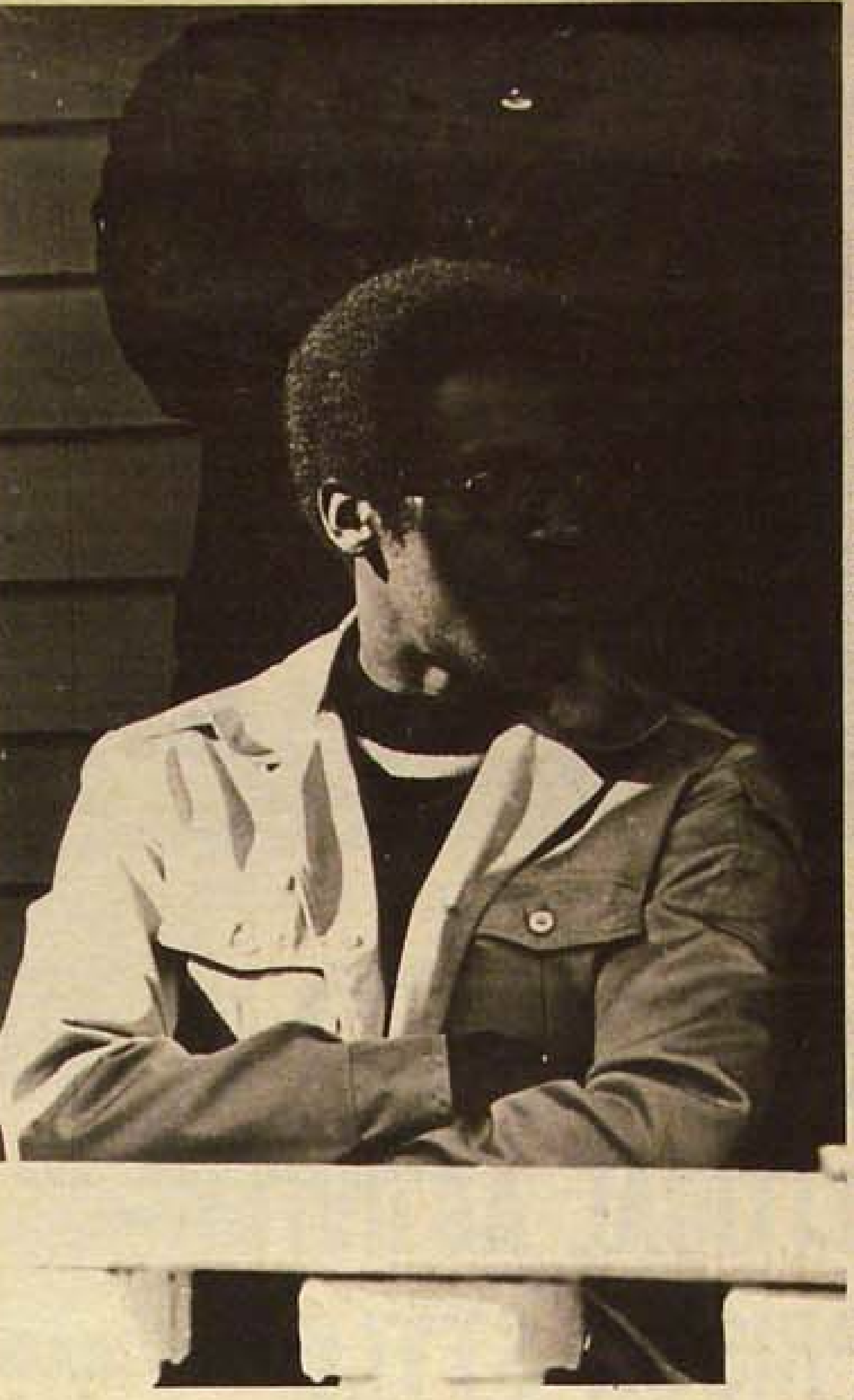
CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID HILLIARD AT HAYWARD JULY 4th

On the way here to the park, I was sort of indecisive whether or not it would be more useful to make my presence at the Bobby Hutton Memorial Park, because we're also having a picnic there, the Women's Power group, which was giving a picnic there. I was indecisive in terms of making that decision, based upon where the Black Panther Party or representatives of the Party is most needed. It wasn't very difficult to make the decision once I arrived here, because it became crystal clear that there's only one world and there's only one revolution. So that, you must go wherever you're needed. And in order to really bring that point to bear, and to make it crystal clear, to make people begin to understand that the revolution is [illegible] split up between the black community and the white community, that the oppressor is manifested in the ruling class, that the oppressor is manifested in each and every individual that picks up any tools of destruction to move against the productive forces of a given society. So we have to begin to make those distinctions, and we have to base those distinctions in terms of associating ourselves with friends, and disassociating ourselves with people, that we define as enemies. So when you make that basic distinction, you have already transcended a very major step in terms of self-transformation, in terms of reconstructing and getting your own ideas together. So that our initiative, our ideas for solving the problem is manifested in supporting the struggle that's being waged in the mother country by the young people. It's manifested in showing our support of solidarity with the struggle that's being waged in the brown community, by the Latino people. It's manifested in going wherever is necessary, and to take an active role, to take an active part, in trying to put an end to the oppression and the terror that's manifested in fascist America. I know that a lot of people see that as being a historical phenomenon, that there's a lot of people that even go to the extent to say that fascism could never happen in America, because America is truly a democratic system. Well, I think that we should sort of go back in history, I think that we should begin to dichotomize ideas, and reconstruct the history and from there we'll see just where we are. I take today as a prime example, in order to try and clarify some historical ideas. To try and struggle and to try to reconstruct mistakes that's made from a metaphysical point of view.

The 4th of July is looked upon historically as being the day of independence, it's looked upon historically and it's written that this is the day when the American people declared their independence. This is the day when the American people cut themselves away from the colonial rule by the British people, and they moved forward in the sense of self-determination. But I'd like to see this 4th of July, and all coming 4ths of July henceforth, as being truly a day of solidarity, manifested truly in a democratic system, not just verbatum, not just theoretically, but practically. Because if there's independence, then there's one sided independence, because whether we realize it or not, there's a majority of people right here in colonial, 1969, neo-fascist America, that haven't got any independence that's trying to get some self-determination. We say that the only way that we will be able to solve that problem is to move in a direction, to move from a position of solidarity, to move from a position of unity, in terms of trying to show by example. That the only way that we can irradicate rampant racism in America is through a close alliance with all people of color. And the Black Panther Party has fallen victim to the most nefarious types of demagogy. We've been depicted as being criminals, we've been convicted as being terrorists, we've been convicted as being everything except a people that have a right to self determination. So that I would like to try and clear up some of the primary points of misuse and misinformation that's been channelled towards the Black Panther Party. First of all the Party is not a racist Party. We're not racist because we see that it would be a disadvantage to practice racism, because racism is the one tool, the one weapon that has this country in the position that it's in now. So that we don't practice racism because we learn through practical experience, that it's just not beneficial to practice racism. So that we say in order to put an end to racism, it's not enough to go forth and condemn it verbally, but you have to put forth a practical example, and that example is manifested in solidarity. It's manifested in Black Panthers, SDS's, progressive workers, and what have you, it's manifested in all these ethnic groups of people coming together as one people working against a common enemy. And our common enemy is bourgeoisie democracy, and unless we move, unless we move as one unit against the forces of oppression, then we're in for fascism, fascism tantamount to Nazi Germany. And you have to accept that, you have to take it very seriously because whether you understand the manifestations of fascism or not the black community has become victim to it. And that we know that it's evident, it's an apparent and very real situation, and we intend to deal with it. And that we're not going to sit around, we're not going to just shed our blood, without shedding the blood of our enemy, and we want to make that clear.

And that we're not going to accept the titles, we're not going to accept the misinformation that's being spread massively on the Black Panther Party, trying to put us in a derogatory, or trying to put us in a bad light, in order to give validity to the oppression and the rampant terror that the racist, fascist power structure is bringing down upon black people in particular and all people that advocate the right to free speech in general. And that's a conceivability, and everybody can relate to that, because you have examples, the most recent example was the murder, of James Rector. The example is manifested by James Rector, who was viciously murdered in Berkeley, by one of the so-called upholders of law and order. We say that we weren't suprised about that, and we were not glad about that, because we don't advocate the taking of lives, as a matter of fact, we advocate world peace.

We advocate disarmament, we advocate the whole thing about gun control, we advocate non-violence. But we know also that it's not sensible, it's not good rationalization to talk about non-violence, when you are on the other end of the violence. But we do relate to defending ourselves, and we do relate to any people having the right to self-defense. So we have to make that very clear, and people have to begin to see us in that light. So that we're going to stop trying to make people accept the Black Panther Party, by going out of our way to respond to every attempt that is made by the vicious news media, in order to cause eclipse upon the good work that the Party has done. One of the most recent experiences is manifested in our Breakfast programs. We see that the fascist, we see that the capitalistic power structure was very ashamed because we showed people that there is a hunger problem in America, and that America is not moving to solve those problems, and that they're not moving to solve those problems because of the capitalistic nature of this society. So that we have to begin to explain things, we have to begin to judge things from a visionary point of view. We have to begin to look at things and judge for ourselves whether they're right



CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID HILLIARD

or wrong. We can't believe in the propagations of the mass media, we can't believe in lies and demagogy perpetrated by the demagogic politicans. Because those are one of the main weapons of fascism. They use lies, they use trickeration, they give you misinformation, in order to keep you moving in a direction that's beneficial to the exploitation of this system. So that we have to begin to figure out for ourselves, what's right and what's wrong. Now this is one area that's very important, because unless you're able to do this then we say that you're under-educated, and that you're politically immature. And that the only education that's relevant to any people is the education that can teach the people to cope with their social environment. So that the first thing that we will have to do is to begin to move to control the institutions of learning. We have to control the colleges, we have to control the high schools, we have to control all the literature that's put out and disseminated to the masses, in order for the masses to get the correct understanding of how the system is geared to exploiting people, rather than how the system is moving to try to put forth some good concrete examples of solving the people's problems. And we don't relate to theories, we don't ask people to take us at our words. We're socialists, and we say the most powerful weapon of socialism is that of example. And we know and we're very confident, because we'll keep putting forward examples, we're not going to pidgeon hole, we're not going to lie, we're not going to hide, we're not going to try to deal aside, to try to use the kind of words that you call correct expressions, or to use the kind of grammar that you call correct learning. We're going to say, and we're going to say it very plain, and we're going to be confident in saying it, because it's all based on practice. It's not going to be some second hand rhetoric that we got from one of the major establishment orientated newspapers, it's not going to be information, that was passed on from one individual to the next. But it's going to be information based on social practice. And that's what we're going to have to get into, and unless we begin to become active, active in those areas, then it's just a sham revolution going. All you're doing is wasting your time, all you're doing is engaging in leisure, all your're doing is endorsing the oppression that's rampant, not only here in America, but all over the planet, all over the planet earth.

So that our struggle has to become one, with all people's struggles throughout the world, because our struggle is very, very beneficiary. Because our struggle enhances, in that it moves up the other people of color, it moves them up one notch when we begin to put forth a profound dissent in terms of free speech, and when we begin to demonstrate and show our dissatisfaction, this is only one means of going forth and showing that we no longer accept the given rules, and we no longer accept the policies laid down by our foreparents, or we don't accept the policies manifested in the so called constitutionality of the United States. Because the constitution as it is, is a very powerful decree, because it does talk about the democracy that we're so used to propagating. But it's irrelevant because the theory has yet to be put into practice. The theory has yet to begin to be put into practice even when we decide that we want to stand up and fight for our right to free speech. When we begin to move massively, against the authorities, or against the standard bearers of American social order, then we're condemned, we're condemned because we're told that we're breaking the laws, and that if we're continuous, if we do this with any degree of continuity, then no longer will they use rhetoric, no longer will they sit up and espouse rhetoric, but then they'll move, and they'll move with the only weapon that they have to make the people react to what they order, and that's violence. So that we say that one of the clearest manifestations of a fascist state, is a wagon load of billy clubs. And everybody, recently, everybody here, everybody in 1969, everybody from the Democratic convention to the Berkeley situation, everybody from Chicago to Vietnam, realizes that this is one world, and it's a world that's geared to violence, and it's a world founded upon violence, and it's a world that will end with the most inhumane, atrocious, ugly form of violence, that history has ever recorded, unless we move to try to find some situations for solving that. And that I hate to say this, and I feel that it's hopeless to say it, but I don't think that we're going to be able to get out of this without some blood shed. Because I don't see anybody moving to try to solve the problem, I don't see anybody that's in control of any power trying to move, to try to solve the problem. I see the young whites, I see the young Mexican-Americans, I see the young Chinese, I see all the youth of America moving with a profound dissent sometimes even from a position of destruction, to show their dissent. I see these people as being the only safeguard for preventing the holocaust of what we're talking about.

So that it's just a matter of beginning to intensify the areas of work, that we're doing. It's just a matter of doing that and doing it endlessly, doing it with more vigor, doing it with more understanding, doing it with more patience, it's these kinds of attitudes that require in order to bring forth the kind of world that we would like to live in. So that we can relate to history, only if history is relevant to our situation. We can relate to the ideas of Marxism-Leninism only if the ideas apply to our situation, and I say that Marxism-Leninism is an invincible weapon, that it's the most powerful weapon for people that's struggling against imperialism, for people that are struggling against an oppressive, brutalizing, lying, demagogic system such as we're victims of today. So that we can take the ideas of Marx, the ideas of Lenin and we can put these ideas into practice, and we can come up with some concrete examples, and that the results would be victorious. Because the ideology is geared to the struggling people, it's geared to the people that's moving against capitalism. So that it developed out of a situation such as this, and whether the people want to accept that or not, whether the older people like it or not, I don't think that we give a damn, because we're going to use it, because we know that it's the only thing that we have. And that we're going to use it in clear axiom, one quotation of Marxism-Leninism is stated such as "when all peaceful means have been exhausted, then we move from a position of peaceful co-existance, to a position of violence, because violence is the highest form of politics possible for solving any situation". And we're not going to be deterred from that, because we've fallen victims of violence too long. We've fallen victims of brutalizations, we've fallen victims to the billy clubs, we've fallen victims to the vicious service-revolvers too long, to understand that it's good for them and bad for us. But we say it's good for us and bad for them, when we begin to step up our resistance, so that the things that's happening to the black people in the black communities, the degree that they're happening, are only happening because black people have moved from a position of unarmed struggle to armed struggle. That they've moved from that position because they were forced to move to that position. And that you can't blame the shit on the Black Panther Party, because the Black Panther Party was manifested in every rebellious slave, that ever decided to stand up and say that no longer will we accept this oppressive system, no longer will we have racist madmen driving us night and day, telling us what to do. So that's the position that we're taking, because we're not the predecessors, we're the continuation of all the rebellious slaves, and we're a realization of the oppression that's manifested here in America.

So that you can call us racist, and we'll debate that if we have time. But we know that we're not racists, we know that we're just reacting to racism. We're reacting to the racism that's manifested in America. And that the only way that we're going to solve this problem is through many more invitations, by the courageous, young progressive whites, by extending many more invitations to members of our Party, to members of the Chicano community, to members of all the so called enemies of this establishment. We say that we can begin to efface this problem, when we begin to invite these people with more rapidity and more continuity. So I'll just conclude this brief lecture, or this brief enjoyment with you, whatever you want to call it, by saying that we're calling for a United Front Against Fascism, the 18th, 19th, and 20th, in Oakland, at the Oakland auditorium, and we want to see all you people there. All Power to the People, and seize the hour, the moment, the day. Power, People.



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MEXICO

POLITICAL ACTIVITY-- PRISON STYLE

Despite absolute knowledge of the truth, the US press has persisted in perpetrating the lie that political prisoners arrested during the events prior to and during the October 2 massacre in Mexico City were liberated by the Diaz Ordaz government. The Americana Annual for 1969, for example, documents with only a few inaccuracies the chronology of the student movement, but gibly adds: "Gestavo Diaz Ordaz, Peident of Mexico, granted amnesty on December 24, 1968, to 121 persons still under arrest as a result of the violent student demonstrations of the summer and fall."

The implication of the words "still under arrest" is, of course, that the jails were emptied of political prisoners.

The material below comes from several sources; the prisoners themselves, the relative of a prisoner, a Mexican magazine--all providing a clear picture of the all-too-real existence of Mexican political prisoners.

Political Activity Prison Style

(The following account is based on information obtained from several political prisoners in Mexico's Lecumberri Prison.)

On April 6 a common prisoner escaped prison by drugging one of the visitors, taking his identification tab and clothes, and walking out as one of the Sunday visitors. Thus the guards were more or less alert on Monday night,

at about 3:10 a.m., Tuesday morning, we suddenly awoke to the sounds of rifle and pistol fire and the shouts of guards. It was perfectly clear that the shots were close by--being fired either in our own ward or right next to it. We could hear the guards running over the roofs of our cells. We got out of the way of the entrance to the cell and glanced out toward the tower in the center of the ward. There were three guards firing away with .38 caliber pistols toward Ward A.

At first we thought there might be an escape attempt by some of the political prisoners in that ward. There were shouts by the guards of "Bajanse!" ("Get down from there?") and then more gun shots. Not only the three guards in the tower were shooting, but many others, along the big walls dividing Wards A and E were also firing with Mausers.

Before the shooting started, several prisoners heard the guards shouting, "Son politicos!" ("They are politicals"), then opening fire.

In a short time the guards cornered the two common prisoners who were unarmed. They had not been trying to escape, but only to speak into the workshop to pilfer a few things. We could clearly hear the beating they were getting. There was one solid blow which was particularly audible. which was particularly audible. Later we learned that one of the two had been hit by a bullet in the leg. As the beating continued, one of the inmates in Ward A, watching through a high cell window yelled out, "That's enough, let them go, you cowards?" to the guards.

One of the officers ordered, "Count the windows! Figure out which cell that's coming from so that we can give him a warming over, too," but they were unable to spot which window the voice came from.

One of the two men was taken to an unknown place. The other was taken to the Polygono, which is the central office. There he was surrounded by the mono (monkeys--the prisoners' name for the guards) who began beating him with their nighsticks. When he fell, they began to kick him terribly. All of this was witnessed by the political prisoners in Ward C, since they can see the Polygono from their ward.

The prisoners were not brought to the infirmary, for according to someone in the prison who knows, medical attention is never given to those caught trying to escape.

Later we learned that the two men had been thrown in a damp, dark isolation cell after they had been beaten.

The prisoners learned that night that whay they have always suspected is true. The firing did not begin until someone yelled out that the two men were political prisoners. Later, when they were beating them, one of the guards, trying to get them to take it a little easier, shouted, "No hombre, son ratas de la A!" ("No they are rats from Ward A!"). In other words, not political prisoners, as they had originally thought.

Another revelation was that the guards in Ward N are armed, although as a rule, guards on duty at floor level carry only a nightstick. We are fully aware that the prison guards have been instructed that brutal beatings even of unarmed, captured prisoners are fully sanctioned by the authorities; and that under the right circumstances, it is not too undesirable to shoot a political prisoner.

On May 1, the political prisoners of wards M and N carried out a coordinated May Day celebration, prison style. For a few weeks there had been no guards posted inside the wards, although they came in at times and stayed in the tower for brief periods.

On this day the ward and roof were clear, so we climed to the roof of the control tower at the center of each of the wards and raised red flags. Revolutionary songs were sung, and we chanted slogans and cheered.

That same evening a second meeting was held. While the red flag was lowered, the "Internationale" was sung. Then, at ground level, assemblies commemorating the date were held in both wards, with speakers from all of the political tendencies. The common prisoners in nearby wards heard the speeches and they cheered and applauded after each one.

During the week that followed, there were scattered repressive incidents. Adrian Campos Diaz was struck by a guard while he was at the infirmary, and others were also molested. We wrote an open letter of protest to General Mario Cedillo Granados, who runs the prison and managed to get it published in Sucesos.

On Wednesday, May 7, several prisoners were outside Ward N, waiting to be taken to the infirmary. Suddenly, as they looked through the second gate, also padlocked with a chain, they saw guards chasing prisoners and striking them. Rusing past their guards, the prisoners from Ward N ran to the second gate and swa that those being struck were companeros from Ward M.

The guards at this second gate tried to hold back the prisoners from Ward N, but they resisted and yelled out to the guards in the main circulation hall to stop hitting the companeros. While they stood there yelling, one of them ran back to the ward and called out, "They're beating our comrades from M!"

Within a minute almost all of the prisoners in Ward N were smashing at the gate. Although the lock didn't give, the latch did and they all ran out, past a group of five guards, to the second gate.

Some ran back for empty coke bottles, sticks, etc. Others managed to get the attention of one of the students being held at Ward M, Rafael Villalobos, nicknmaed El Jarocho, who had been badly beaten. He lifted his bloody face and told the prisoners from Ward N that Socrates Amado Campos Lemus, a student leader imprisoned in Ward M, had suddenly been taken out of the cell block and they didn't know where he was.

Since in the past another student leader, Cabeza de Vaca, had been taken out of Ward H, the newcomers' ward, and transported to Military Camp No. 1, where he had been beaten and where they had carried out a smiluated firing squad ritual to intimidate him, the companeros of Ward M had decided to act.

While they were being taken to the steam baths, they had attempted to rush to the administration offices to conduct a lightning meeting to protest this action and to demand that Socrates be returned immediately to his ward. However, they were assaulted by some of the guards and all hell broke loose.

The Ward N prisoners told them that it was foolish for them to risk getting hurt or killed for the measly 1,000 odd pesos they get paid (about U S $80). Then the prisones threw bottles at the guards who were beating the companeros in the main hall, to distract them from their task. Before long the padlock on the second gate was smashed.

The guards formed a human blockade to prevent the prisoners from getting through to their wounded comrades. But the prisoners broke through and went to the rescue of the others, like El Jarocho, who were now surrounded and being beaten by a whole gang of guards. The guards were finally neutralized without any violence and the prisoners of wards M and N advanced toward Ward C.

The companeros in Ward C had already been alerted to what was happening. They also smashed the lock on their gate and neutralized their guards. But when they tried to rush toward the administration office around the corner, the big gate that cuts traffic on the main corridor was shut and locked. They began to climb over this 20-foot-high gate at about the time the prisoners from wards N and M were arriving.

By sheer luck, painters were working with a scaffold on the outside wall of the small Sala de Defensores (Defense Counsels' Room) used for prisoners of wards M and N. One of the windows in this hall was within reach of the scaffolding, so the advancing prisoners climbed it, kicked in the wooden shutters and climbed down, thus avoiding having to climb the main gate.

Now we all advanced en masse--the great majority of the political prisoners in Lecumberri--toward the main administration office, the main Sala de Defensores, and... the main gate?

When we reached the Sala de Defensores, a meeting was quickly organized and the wounded companeros were lifted up so that all of the visitors to the prison (Ward C plus all the common pirsoner wards) could see them. Others proceeded to wards I and H.

Florentino Jaimes Hernandez was spotted in the Sala de Defensores. He is the prisoner who carried through a spectacular assault on an armored payroll truck. This companero, even though he declared (published in Excelsior) that the robbery was carried out for political reasons--to get funds to help fight against the system--was sent to the common prisoners' Ward D instead of to one of the wards for political prisoners.

We called Jaimes to join us and he came forward, but the guard refused to unlock the gate. He was told to open it or the prisoners would smash it down, and it was opened. Jaimes rushed out to applause and cheers.

Meanwhile, the front contingent of prisoners had reached Ward I, where Socrates had been taken. One of the prisoners had brought a sledgehammer and we began smashing the lock on the gate to Ward I Jose Revueltas was there at the gate and he shook hands with some of the prisoners as they finished off the lock.

The guards were all grouped around the main gate which led to the main entrance gate, but the prisoners did not go toward that gate. As totally spontaneous as the action was, it was surprising how a major confrontation with the guards was avoided. Two companeros addressed the guards, stopping them short when a lieutenant gave the order to charge the prisoners and disperse them.

With the lock on Ward I smashed, some prisoners went into the ward to convince Socrates to come out and join them, to watch he readily agreed. Now the mass turned toward Ward H, yelling "Danzos! Danzos!," calling to the peasant leader Ramon Danzos Palomino, recently jailed and being held arbitrarily in Ward H when he also should have been with the political prisoners.

The prisoners formed a cordon with locked arms so [illegible] to allow the guards to [illegible], and they smashed into Ward H. One guard tried to stop Danzos from leaving the ward, but was held back by another guard.

At the same time, others broke into the office of the assistant director, Major Bernardo Palacios Yanez, located between wards I and H. Some of us held others back from going in and smashing the place up. No damage was done to the office. Neither the general nor Palacios showed up during the entire action.

Former deputy of the House of Representatives Estrada Villa was also rescued from Ward H, and the prisoners began to voluntarily move back to their wards, trying to keep together to avoid being cut up into small groups. There were many clashes with the guards, but these were isolated incidents and the prisoners managed to effectively neutralize the guards verbally!

Danzos Palomino and Estrada Villa went to Ward C; Socrates back to his own ward, M; and Jaimes was brought to Ward N. Later, Estrada Villa voluntarily returned to Ward H.

Back in Ward N, the prisoners expected the guards to counter-attack at any time to get Jaimes back. They set up a twenty-four-hour watch schedule on the tower and near the entrance gate. The next day the guards came at 7 a.m. and said they wanted to count Jaimes. The prisoners discussed the matter and decided to have Jaimes come to the inside gate of Ward N, which they controlled, so that the guards could see him from outside the gate. This done, the guards left without comment.

Evidently the government has not yet decided what to do about this fait accompli. The prisoners have decided to continue to resist, depending upon what happens. Meanwhile, prisoners who have left the ward to get their mail or go to the Sala de Defensores have not been bothered or provoked by the guards, and of course, the common prisoners cheer them at every opportunity.

Ir can be surmised that the considerable publicity in Mexico on the conditions and demands of the political prisoners contributed heavily to the fact that an order must have been given not to shoot at the political prisoners.

On May 8 public meetings of protest were carried out at the Polytechnic Institute and at the University of Mexico.

An issue of El Dia contained a news item that Silva Herzog, the historian, at a ceremony where he was being honored, said that instead of honoring him, the government ought to release the political prisoners. This issue of El Dia was not allowed into the prison.

The successful actions have raised the morale of many of the political prisoners. Several, taken alone or together to court since then to sign papers, etc., have ripped up their files or defended themselves against insults and blows.

Pablo Alvarado Barrera was struck down by prison guards with clubs when he tried to rip up the court document on his sentence when the judge's envoy began reading it to him in the administration office.

ROCKEFELLER ALL HEART

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During his recent forroy into Latin America, Nelson Rockefeller has received only 2 warm and friendly receptions -- from Papa Doc Duvalier, dictator of Haiti, and Gen. Stroessner, dictator of Paraguay. After watching his performance in Honduras, we can see why. American-armed Honduran police shot and killed a student on May 14 who was protesting Rocky's visit. Rocky promptly offered the University a $1,200 scholarship to buy a new student to replace the one he killed.



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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

We got to talk first of all about the main man. The mai· man in the Black Panther Party, the main man in the struggle today--in the United States, in Chicago, in Cuba and anywhere else--the main man in the liberation struggle is our Minister of Defense, and yours too, Huey P. Newton. He's the main man because the head of the imperialsit octopus lies right in this country and whoever is dealing with the head of the octopus in this country is the main man. He's in jail now. We must tell the world that Huey P. Newton was tried by the pigs and they found him guilty. He was tried by the people, who found him not guilty, and we say let him go, let him free, because we find him not guilty. This is our relentless demand. We will not let up one day, we will not give up the struggle to liberate our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton and we will continue to exert pressure on the power structure and constantly bombard them with the people's demand that Huey P. Newton be set free.

It was Huey P. Newton who taught us how the people learn. You learn by participation. When Huey P. Newton started out what did he do? He got a gun and he got Bobby and Bobby got a gun. They had problems in the community because people was being run over--kids were being run over--at a certain intersection. What did the people do? The people went down to the government to redress their grievances and the government told them to go to hell: "We are not going to put no stoplights down there UNTIL WE SEE FIT." What did Huey P. Newton do? Did he go out and tell the people about the laws and write letters and try to propagandize em all the time? NO! Some of that's good, but the masses of the people don't read--that's what I heard Huey say--they learn through observation and participation. Did he just say this? NO! So what did he do? He got him a shotgun, he got Bobby and he got him a hammer and went down to the corner. He gave Bobby the shotgun and told him if any pig motherfuckers come by blow his mother fuckin brains out. What did he do? He went to the corner and nailed up a stop sign. No more accidents, no more trouble. And then he went back--another situation like that. What'd the people do? They looked at it, they observed; they didn't get a chance to participate in it. Next time what'd they do? Same kind of problem came up. The PEOPLE got THEIR shotguns, got THEIR nine millimeters, got THEIR hammers. How'd they learn? They learned by observation and participation. They learned one thing. When there is a fire you gather round the fire. Huey got a shotgun and everybody gathered round him and Bobby. They saw what was going on and they had a chance to participate in it. As the vanguard leader he taught the people about the power structure; he led the people down the correct road of revolution. What are we doing?

BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN

Our Breakfast for Children program is feeding a lot of children and the people understand our Breakfast for Children program. We sayin' something like this--we saying that theory's cool, but theory with no practice ain't shit. You got to have both of them--the two go together. We have a theory about ·eding kids free. What'd we do? We put it into practice. That's how people learn. A lot of people don't know how serious the thing is. They think the children we feed ain't really hungry. I don't know five year old kids than can act well, but I know that if they not hungry we sure got some actors. We got five year old actors that could take the academy award. Last week they had a whole week dedicated to the hungry in Chicago. Talking 'bout the starvation rate here that went up 15%. Over here where everybody should be eating. Why? Because of capitalism.

What are we doing? The Breakfast for Children program. We are running it in a socialistic manner. People came and took our program, saw it in a socialistic fashion not even knowing it was socialism. People are gonna take our program and tell us to go on to a higher level. They gonna take that program and work it in a socialistic manner. What'd the pig say? He say, "nigger--you like communism?" "no sir, I'm scared of it." "You like socialism?" "No Sir, I'm scared of it." "You like the breakfast for children program?" "Yes sir, I'd die for it". Pig said, "Nigger, that program is a socialistic program." "I don't give a fuck if it's Communism. You put your hands on that program motherfucker and I'll blow your motherfucking brains out." And he knew it. We been educating him, not by reading matter, but through observation and participation. By letting him come in and work our program. Not theory and theory alone, but theory and practice. The two go together. We not only thought about the Marxist Leninist theory--we put it into practice. This is what the Black Panther Party is about.

SUBVERSIVES

Some people talk a lot about communism, but the people can't understand and progress to the stage of communism right away or because of abstract arguments. They say you got to crawl before you can walk. And the Black Panther Party as the vanguard party thought that the Breakfast for Children Program was the best technique of crawling that any vanguard party could follow. And we got a whole lot of folks that's going to be walking. And then a whole lot of folks that's gonna be running. And when you got that, what you got? You got a whole lot of PIGS thats gonna be running. That's what our programs about.

The Black Panther Party is about the complete revolution. We not gonna go out there and half do a thing. And you can let the pigs know it. They come here and hide--they so uncomfortable they sitting on a taperecorder, they got they gun in their hair--they got to hide all this shit and they come here and do all this wierd action. All they got to do is come up to 2350 West Madison any day of the week and anybody up there'll let them know, let the motherfucker know: Yes, we subversive. Yes, we subversive with the bullshit we are confronted with today. Just as subversive as anybody can be subversive. And we think them motherfuckers is the criminals. They the ones always hiding. We the ones up in front. We're out in the open, these motherfuckers should stop wearing uniforms. They want to know if the Panthers are goin' underground--these motherfuckers IS underground. You can't find em. People calls the pigs but nobody knows where they at. They're out chasing us. They hiding--can't nobody even see em.

When people got a problem they come to the Black Panther Party for help and thats good. Because, like Mao says we are supposed to be ridden by the people and Huey says we're going to be ridden down the path of social revolution and that's for the people. The people ought to know that the Black Panther Party is one thousand percent for the People. They write a lot of articles, you know, niggers'll run up to you in a minute--when I say niggers I mean white niggers and black niggers alike--niggers'll run up to you and talk that shit about , Man, I read in the Tribune today. Well you say , Man, fuck it right there. If you din't read it in the BLACK PANTHER paper, if you didn't read it in the MOVEMENT --then you ain't read shit.

MICKEY WHITE

We in the Black Panther Party have another brother I want to take some time to rap about. This brother is constantly on our mind. This brother's name is Michael White--Mickey White. This brother is beautiful. He's being held now in jail for one hundred thousand dollars bail. Some of you who listen to the radio might have heard about brothers in state chapter, our field secretary of Defense Captain brother Nathaniel Junior and brother Merril Harvery being laid up on some phony gun charge. We don't say the Panthers don't want guns, but we already got guns and we don't have to go and try and steal or connive to buy any guns from anybody. What they are trying to do is to squash out the Black Panther Party--they're trying to squash out the leadership. Trying to squash out Bobby Rush, Deputy Minister of Defense, Trying to squash out Chaka and Shey, Deputy Minister of Education.

Mickey White was in that bullshit with Nathaniel Junior and Merrill Harvey. Last week when they went to court even the judge in court said, you all gonna get a fair trial whether you deserve it or not. These are the types of actions we are confronted with. Mickey White is in solitary confinement and doesn't get to come out of his cell for anything at any time. And he might be in that cell for the rest of his life. His bond is $100,000. That's $10,000 cash.

Mickey White is a proven revolutionary. He's not nobody we THINK is going to be a revolutionary. He's not nobody we trying to make a revolutionary. He's a proven revolutionary. All of you have to understand that Micky White is a Panther in ideology, he's a Panther in word and he's a Panther in deed. He's a Panther that understands its a class struggle--not a race question. You have to understand the pressures the Black Panther Party goes through saying this. You can see the pressures the Black Panther Party goes through by making a coalition with whites.

You can see that we had a group in California who committed their first acts of violence on the Black Panther Party. Ron Karenga and US never shot nothing but dope until they shot them brothers. They been an organization longer than the Black Panther Party. When the Black Panther Party stood up and said we not going to fight racism with racism US said "NO, we can't do that because it's a race question and if you make it a class question then the revolution might come sooner. We in US ain't prepared for no revolution because we thing that "power grows from the sleeve of a Dashiki." They are armed with rhetoric and rhetoric alone. And we found that when you're armed with rhetoric and rhetoric alone a lot of times you get yourself hurt. Eldridge Cleaver told them, even though you say you fight fire with fire best, we think you fight fire with water. You can do either one, but we choose to fight with water. He said, we're not going to fight racism with racism, we're going to fight racism with solidarity. Even though you think you ought to fight capitalism with black capitalism, we're going to fight capitalism with socialism.

We got a whole lot of people being busted and you don't even know about all these people. There's one here you definitely have to know about and thats our Minister of Defense--Bobby Rush. Our Minister Bobby Rush was busted on some bullshit with a gun thing. He's got three gun charges. He's been convicted of one with a six month lead. He's out on appeal now. I know a lot of you people say, well goddam, you got a Mickey White defense fund, an Eldridge Cleaver defense fund, a Merill Harvey defense fund, a Nathaniel Junior defense fund, a Hey Newton defense fund, a Fred Hampton, Jule, Shay and Chaka defense fund--and I just can't keep up with all these defense funds. But since we're the vanguard party we try to do things right, so we got one defense fund so you don't get mixed up on what name to send it to. We'll decide who it goes to. You can just send it to Political Defense Fund, 2350 West Madison. If you want to send something to Breakfast for Children, you can send it to 2350 West Madison also, and you can earmark that money to go to the Breakfast for Children program.

We got Mickey on our mind tonight--and everybody knows we got Huey P. Newton on our mind tonight. We got every political prisoner in jail on our mind tonight. Let's talk about it. We understand that Mickey White, Huey P. Newton and Dennis Mora; people like Bobby Hutton and Eldridge Cleaver--all of these people either dead, or in exile or in jail. A lot of people understanding this will lose real faith in the vanguard by not understanding what we're talking about.

GO WITH THE PEOPLE

A lot of these people will go up to you in a minute and say, "Why all these people being taken, why haven't they shot it out with some pigs." Well, what do we say? If you kill a few, you get a little satisfaction. But when you can kill them ALL you get complete satisfaction. That's why we haven't moved. We have to organize the people. We have to educate the people. We have to arm the people. We have to teach them about revolutionary political power And when they understand all that we won't be killing no few and getting no little satisfaction, we'll be killing em all and getting complete satisfaction.

So what should we do if we're the vanguard? What is it right to do? Is it right for the leadership of that struggle to go faster than the followers of that struggle can go? NO! We're not going to be dealing no commandism, we're not going to be dealing in no tailism. We say that just as fast as the people can possibly go, that's just as fast as we can take it.

While we take it we must be sure that we are not missing the people in the valley. In the valley we know that we can learn to understand the life of the people. We know tha. with all the bullshit out here you can come to consider yourself on the mountain top. I may even consider myself one day on the mountaintop. I I may have already. But I know that in the valley there are people like Benny and there are people like me, people like Mickey White and people like Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. And that below the valley are people like Bobby Hutton, people like Eldridge Cleaver. We know that going into the valley is a dangerous thing. We know that when you go out to the valley you got to make a committment.

A lot of people think the revolution is bullshit, but it's not. A lot of us think that when you get in the revolution you can talk your way out of things, but thats not true. Ask Bobby Hutton, ask Huey Newton, ask Eldridge Cleaver, Mickey White and Dennis Mora. Ask these people whether its a game. If you get yourself involved in a revolutionary struggle then you've got to be serious. You got to know what you're doing. You got to already have practiced some type of theory. That's the reason we ask people to follow the leadership of the vanguard party. Because we all theorizing and we all practicing. We make mistakes, but we're always correcting them and we're always getting better.

We used to run around yellin 'bout Panther Power--the Panthers run it. We admit we made mistakes. Our ten point program is in the midst of being changed right now, because we used the word white when we should have used the word capitalist. We're the first to admit out mistakes. We no longer say Panther Power because we don't believe the Panthers should have all the power. We are not

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for the dictatorship of the Panthers. We are not for the dictatorship of Black people. We are for the dictatorship of the people.

The difference between the people and the vanguard is very important. You got to understand that the Panther Party IS the vanguard.

If you are about going to the people you got to understand that the vanguard leads the people. After the social revolution, the vanguard party, through our educational programs--and that program is overwhelming--the people are educated to the point that they can run things themselves. That's what you call educating the people, organizing the people, arming the people and bringing them revolutionary political power. That means people's power. That means the people's revolution. And if you're not about being involved in a people's revolution then you got to do something. You got to support the people's revolution.

COMPLETE SATISFACTION

The Black Panther Party is the vanguard party. You better get on the Black Panther Party. If you can't get on, goddamit you better get behind. If you can't get behind goddamit, you better get behind somebody else so you'll at least be able to follow indirectly, motherfucker. We ain't asking you to go out and ask no pig to leave us alone. We know that the pig fucks with us cause they know we're doing something.

Cause a lot of dudes walk around and write articles about it. I know some revolutionary groups say these niggers are runnin around saying these things--the PL motherfuckers talking that bullshit, couldn't even find things to criticize. They was so far in the ground. What was they doing? Organizing groundhogs, educating groundhogs, arming groundhogs and teaching groundhogs revolutionary political power.

I say that we're the first group to come above ground where the people can follow you and see you. And if you make a mistake its better than not even being at all. When I made that mistake I made it for the people, and I correct it for the people. You don't hear there was a raid on PL's office last night. You ain't never heard that. When you hear of PL busted in New York, PL's leader in jail with no bars, Pl leader run out of the country, PL leader shot 18 times while he was running with his back turned and hands tied up, PL leader gets breakfast for children for 1800 people a week. You ever hear it? Ya never heard it. I want to hear it. If you do hear it, it'll be because of the Black Panther lead. I'm not putting all these things out and saying PL doesn't know 'em. But I'm saying that when people write something like this, a lot of people don't understand it. And I wanted to take the time to explain it.

There are some things that PL says that are valid. Don't misunderstand me. We don't get mad because in some way or another PL is trying to better the Black Panther Party by trying to criticize it. But I just want to let you know, ain't nothing all right and ain't nothing all wrong. We're not all right--though we trying to get that way. We make mistakes but we understand that we gonna make some more mistakes. And we gonna try and correct these mistakes and we gonna try and keep on moving.

So what do we say? Don't get the pigs offa us cause we can stand em. We jail Mickey White, we should let em murder Bobby Hutton, we should let em run Eldridge Cleaver out of the country. Why? Because you can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail the revolution. You can run a freedom fighter around the country but you can't run freedom fighting around the country. You can murder a liberator, but you can't murder liberation.

Kill a few and get a little satisfaction. Kill some more and you get some more satisfaction. Kill em all and you get complete satisfaction. We say All Power to the People--Black Power to Black People and Brown Power to Brown People, Red Power to Red People and Yellow Power to Yellow People. We say White Power to White People EVEN. And we say Panther Power to the vanguard Party and we say don't kill a few and don't kill some more. As a matter of fact we rather you didn't move until you see we ready to move, and when you see we ready to move you know we not dealing with a few, we not dealing with some more. You know that we we get ready to move we dealing from complete--that's what we're after--total, everything, everybody--complete satisfaction.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE



FROM BOSTON CHAPTER

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Boston Chapter of the Black Panther Party is continuing to intensify the struggle through hard work and arduous struggle.

8,000 papers were ordered this week with 4,000 sold at the Newport Jazz Festival. Double could have been sold but because of the lack of manpower it was impossible.

We will be initiating a second Free Breakfast Program within the next week.

A People's Rally was held on Sunday, July 6, at Franklin Park in Roxbury to rename it Malcolm X Memorial Park and to speak on pig brutality. The turn out for the rally was about 300 people who were served Bar-b-Que chicken and potato salad and Malcolm X, Panther buttons were distributed. The rally was the first given by the Party in Boston. It turned out a success. The people both in and outside the community were relating beautifully. Brothers from Springfield are now working with the Party full-time and we have established contacts in the Cambridge community.

Military drill and field training has been established.

The United Front Against Fascism has been established with mother country radicals, but in the black community there was little response from the so-called responsible organizations. A new meeting is being established.

all power to the people
Eugene W. Jones
Lt. of Information

YOUTH AGAINST WAR & FASCISM

Former political prisoner of Oklahoma Jail denounces the treatment of N.Y. Panther 21

July 8, 1969

Anti-Fascist Youth leader demands Rockefeller order immediate release of black political prisoners

In a telegram to Governor Rockefeller, Kay Martin, National Chairman of Youth Against War and Fascism, today demanded that the Black Panther Party Members held in "high security" detention in the New York City Tombs and Women's House of Detention be immediately and unconditionally released and that the frame-up indictments against them be withdrawn.

"The conditions under which the Panthers are held", said Martin "are a form of torture, calculated to break them down. And the exhorbitant and unconstitutional bail, still $100,000 for several prisoners, assures that the police can continue this inhuman treatment for an indefinite period. Anyone who has been in an imperialist jail knows that the purpose of prison is to brutalize the prisoners and break their will to resist the oppression of this system. But the Panthers have been singled out for even more inhuman and barbarous handling, by District Attorney Hogan and the Orwellian Department of Correction".

Mr. Martin, the victim of many political arrests, was jailed for six months in Oklahoma in 1967 for his support of the American Servicemen's Union organizing efforts at Fort Sill that summer. Framed-up on a "criminal trespass" charge, he served time in El Reno Federal "Correctional" Institution and later in New York's West Street Jail when his appeal was denied.

"As attorneys for the Panther prisoners disclosed yesterday, continued Martin, "they were checked every half-hour by prison guards, they must sleep, if they can at all, with the lights on, they have almost no reading material or other diversion or exercise. They have also been held in special detention amounting to solitary for three months. These conditions can only be called those of Hitlerite political detention.

"All this occurs under the vicious watch of a prison bureaucacy exhorted by Correction Department Commissioner George McGrath to regard the Panther Prisoners as "recognized militant" and "security risks". Even the oppressive establishment law cannot be stretched to call "militancy" illegal, yet the prison authorities give this as the reason for the barbarous treatment of the Panthers. This is one of the clearest current examples of naked oppression used against black people, and particularly those leaders who openly struggle to liberate their people. The anti-imperialist and anti-fascist movement will not tolerate such brutal treatment of political prisoners, any more than the movement will stand for the concentration camps being prepared for larger numbers of political prisoners by the Nixon-Rockefeller - Berger administration".

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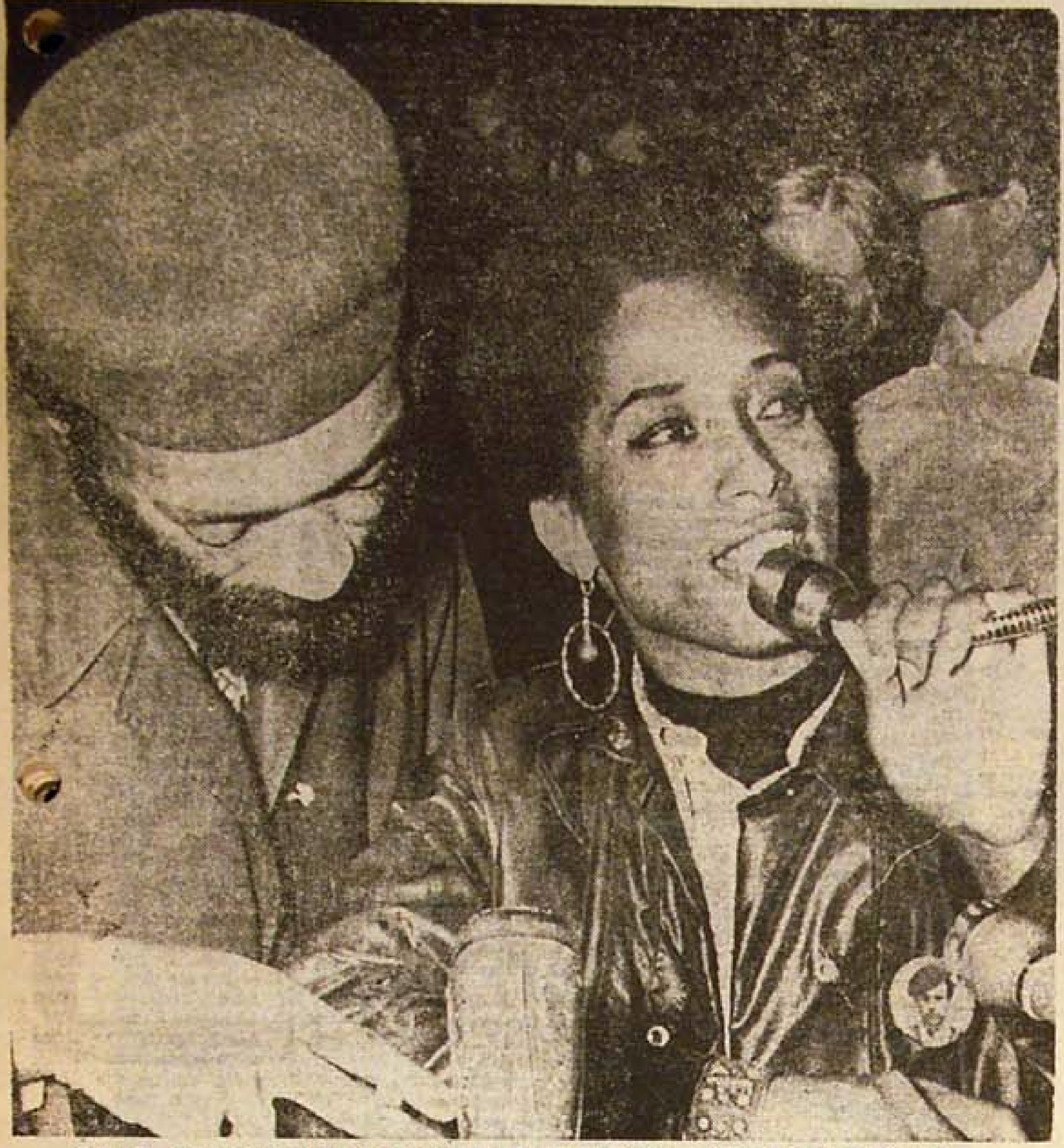
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SKIP MALONE AND CONNIE MATTHEWS, BLACK PANTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN SCANDINAVIA

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS U.S. AGGRESSION

The Swedish government has never advocated a righteous Vietnam policy. Sometimes we are allowed to hear some beautiful government words. But in practice the government has often supported the U.S. imperialism directly. Therefore we must increase our support to the NLF and cambat U.S. imperialism.

In a speech January 18, 1965, the Swedish foreign minister Torsten Nilsson said: "We miss the suppositions to judge safely if the American tactics conduct the raised objectives."

Which were the tactics? Continued murdering and escalation of the aggression in Vietnam. The objectives? The U.S. government talked about peace and lied about "aggression from the North". Why should "we" not be able to "judge" and condemn this?

"In the Vietnam conflict it is hard to determine to what degree the participants have support for their activity in international treaties and folkjudical rules."

What does Torsten Nilsson mean by "activity"? The U.S. "activity" was an aggressive war and the "activity" of the Vietnamese was a defense struggle. Which international treaties and folkjudical rules support an aggressive war and condemn resistance fight?

"The thing that has upset the Swedish public most during recent months are the increasing number of testimonies about terror and massreprisals used by both sides in Vietnam. The government shares the Swedish people's disgust for terror activities and reprisal methods, however they are motivated."

Torsten Nilsson does not distinguish between aggressor and victim. Did the "terror and massreprisals" used by e.g. the Norwegian resistance fighters against the Nazi occupants and their Norwegian puppets during the Second World War also disgust the Swedish minister of foreign affairs? Victims of aggression always have the rights to defend themselves with all possible means.

This was only three short quotations from the minister of foreign affairs in 1965. But they show clearly the government's attitude in basic questions: it refuses consistently to take a stand against the US imperialists aggressive war and for the Vietnamese just resistance struggle. This implies nothing else but a support to the United States.

And those that have given their wholehearted support to the NLF-the Vietnam demonstrators - have been condemned in reactionary statements. About 200 have been sentenced to pay fines. Recently a NLF activist was sentenced to jail. December 20, 1967 in Stockholm the police, blessed by the government attacked a demonstration for support to the NLF. Many were mishandled.

The government tried as long as possible to stop the Russel Tribunal from being held in Sweden - the same Tribunal that demasked many US war crimes in Vietnam. Primeminister Tage Erlander said that the Tribunal did not further peace in Vietnam.

The government helps make the US imperialist policy possible by supporting the US dollar, which has been weakened by the same imperialist policy: military bases all over the world, military support to dozens of reactionary regimes, etc.

The government even refuses to give a statement about SENTAB and other Swedish enterprises, that give direct support to the US war in South East Asia.

The government refuses to give asylum to the Vietnam War Refusers seeking refuge in Sweden. In this way it "escapes" taking a stand to the US war.

All these acts against the Vietnamese people's struggle have been blended with halfhearted statements supporting the NLF. The government have swayed to and fro in the Vietnam question since 1965. Its last "stand" was taken in the parliament foreign affairs debate recently.

Torsten Nilsson then informed that the Swedish government will present the DRV with fertilizers worth 10 million Swedish Kronor. He "hoped" that South Vietnam would be included in the aid program, "but as long as the bombing goes in South Vietnam it is useless to give any help".

Also now Torsten Nilsson refuses to take any stand. The bombs do not fall by themselves. For years they have been dropped at the command of the U.S. imperialists. But the government pretends knowing nothing about it.

Thus we can see that the government now as before conducts a policy of support to the US imperialists. Of course the government has taken some positive stands: the recognition of the DRV, permission for the NLF information office in Stockholm. But these decisions were not taken by the government on its own initive; it has been forced by the firm public opinion.

We cannot expect the government to act differently in the future. Therefore we must continue the work for solidarity with the Vietnamese people and increase the support to the NLF.

The United NLF- groups of Sweden

DANISH LEFT WING SOCIALIST PARTY

On the 4th of July the Danish Left Wing Socialist Party and the Danish Vietnam Committees arranged two demonstrations in Denmark against the American genocidal warfare against the Vietnamese people. The demonstrations were also made as a sign of solidarity with the oppressed American people and especially in solidarity with the Black Panther Party.

Connie Mthews, a representative of the Black Panther Party in Denmark spoke about the similarities between the situation that the Vietnamese people are in and the situation that the oppressed people in America are in. She said "the struggle of the Vietnamese people is a support for the struggle of the American Negroes. Both are fighting against imperialism. Both are denied the right to self-determination, and the American imperialists use the same methods to escalate the war against black people in the USA as they have used against the Vietnamese people.

Where are the Danish people in this fight, Connie Matthews asked. "You are a part of imperialism, you are members of NATO and you are accomplices to the suppression of the peoples in Angola and Mozambique. You who are here have expressed your solidarity with Viet Nam. But this is not enough.

Power will come back to the people - where it should be - but where is Denmark when imperialism is smashed.

The demonstration in Copenhagen also included reading of the 33,000 American GI's who so far, have officially been killed in Vietnam.

The other demonstration, in a city where Hubert Humphrey spoke was directed against the pigs complicity in the suppression of peoples all over the world. He could only finish his oinking speech because a very large number of Danish pigs were ordered to protect him.

MORE ON SWEDEN

May 31, 1969
Dear Freinds,

The work in solidarity with the Vietnamese people in Sweden is very intensive and we will continue to inform the Swedish people of the just struggle of the Vietnamese people against US aggressors until the final victory is won and all imperialists are thrown out of Vietnam.

For the sixth time since October 1966 the United NFL-groups organized this spring between the 7-13 of April, a Vietnam Week in Sweden. The propaganda was concentrating on the questions of the expanding US aggression to other countries in South East Asia; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, and of Swedish industries directly involved in the support of US-imperialism and its dirty war in South East Asia. Lately the Swedish mass-media has consequently not mentioned a word about the continuing war in Vietnam, pretending that the Paris talks are successful peace negotiations, and instead newspapers, radio and TV are emphasizing Biafra and the events in Czechoslovakia. The Swedish government is trying - but certainly not succeeding - to split and pacify the Swedish opposition against the US war in Vietnam, through its more "respectable" Swedish Committee for Vietnam.

In spite of this our Vietnam Week was very successful. Meetings, outdoor rallies and different propaganda actions were held at 78 places, demonstration at 17 places, which is more than ever before. All together about 16,000 persons participated, 30,000 copies of the Vietnam Bulletin were sold and 80,000 Swedish Crowns were collected to the NFL.

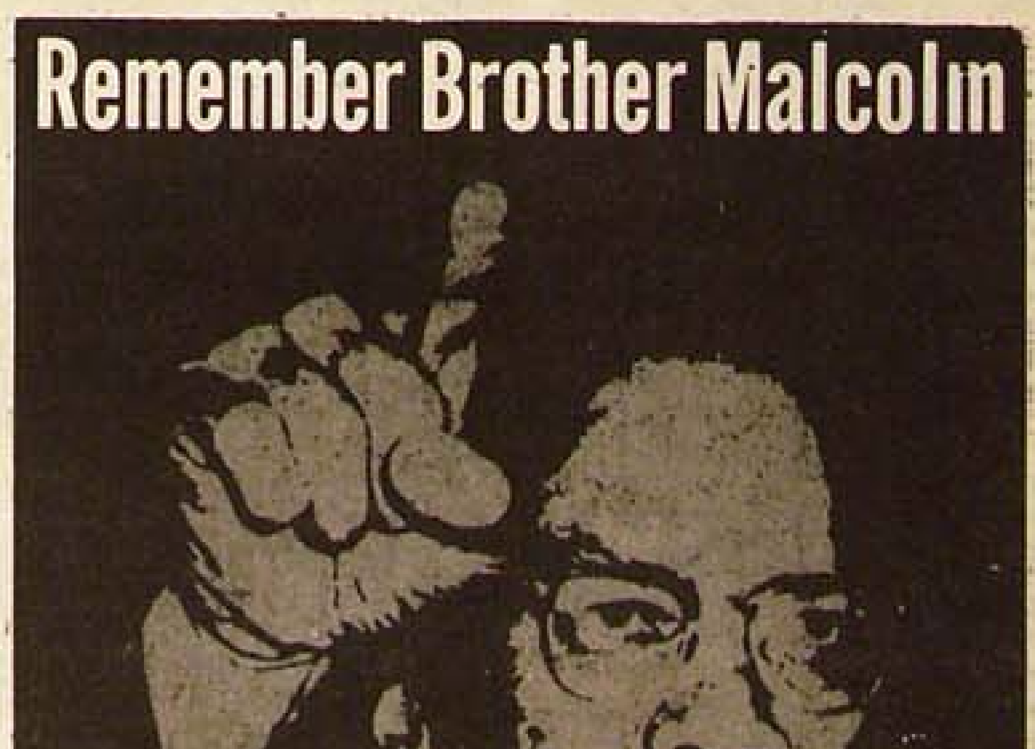
The 1st of May demonstrations were also encouraging, many of the slogans that we, the United NFL-groups, have been working for during years were now accepted by many people, like: US out of Vietnam! Combat US-imperialism!

The goal of our spring-campaign to collect 2 million Swedish Crowns to the NFL will soon be reached.

Our plans for the future are among other things, to have our congress in June, arrange activities on the 4th of July, and have another Vietnam Week later this autumn. Besides that we continue an intensive grass-root work, by collecting money to the NFL, selling our magazine, spreading leaflets etc. Our organization is expanding, new groups are being formed all the time at different places.

VICTORY TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE!
U S OUT OF VIETNAM!!!
COMBAT US IMPERIALISM!
Marita Wikander
International Secretary of the United NFL-groups

The United NLF-groups of Sweden
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IN HAITI

BLACK G.I. S USED AS PAWNS BY U.S.

For more than a month, the political life in Haiti has been extremely agitated. Incidents, explosions, and unexplained shootings have been answered by arbitrary arrests and political murders. On Monday, the 14th of April, 1969 the official press announced that there was a military operation in Boutillier (located a few miles from Port-au-Prince) against a "communist citadelle". Since then searches, arrests, and executions have continued to build up at an ever accelerating rate in an atmosphere of complete hysteria.

What actually happened? According to the government, a small group of "communists" are trying to disturb the order of the country. On March 10, 1969, in an interview with Georges Beebe, Director of the Miami Herald and Jerry Fletcher, writer for the Kingston Daily Gleaner, Duvalier declared that "the only group that we will never accept on our territory are the communists, because they interfere with the United States in fulfilling its role of leadership in the free world. Haiti is the strongest bastion against communism in the Carribean". In announcing the events of April 19, the official press of the PEP (Party of Popular Accord), and of PUCH (Unified Party of Haitian Communists) born through merger of the first two parties. The government authorities allege that the general headquarters of the communists was destroyed, thirty militants killed, others arrested; and their arms, records, printing facilities and propaganda were seized. At the same time, recent arrivals from Port-au-Prince report night and day time searches and arrests of persons suspected of leftist ideas. Furthermore Duvalier had the Chamber of Deputies enact a law condemning to death anyone who sympathizes with the communist movement.

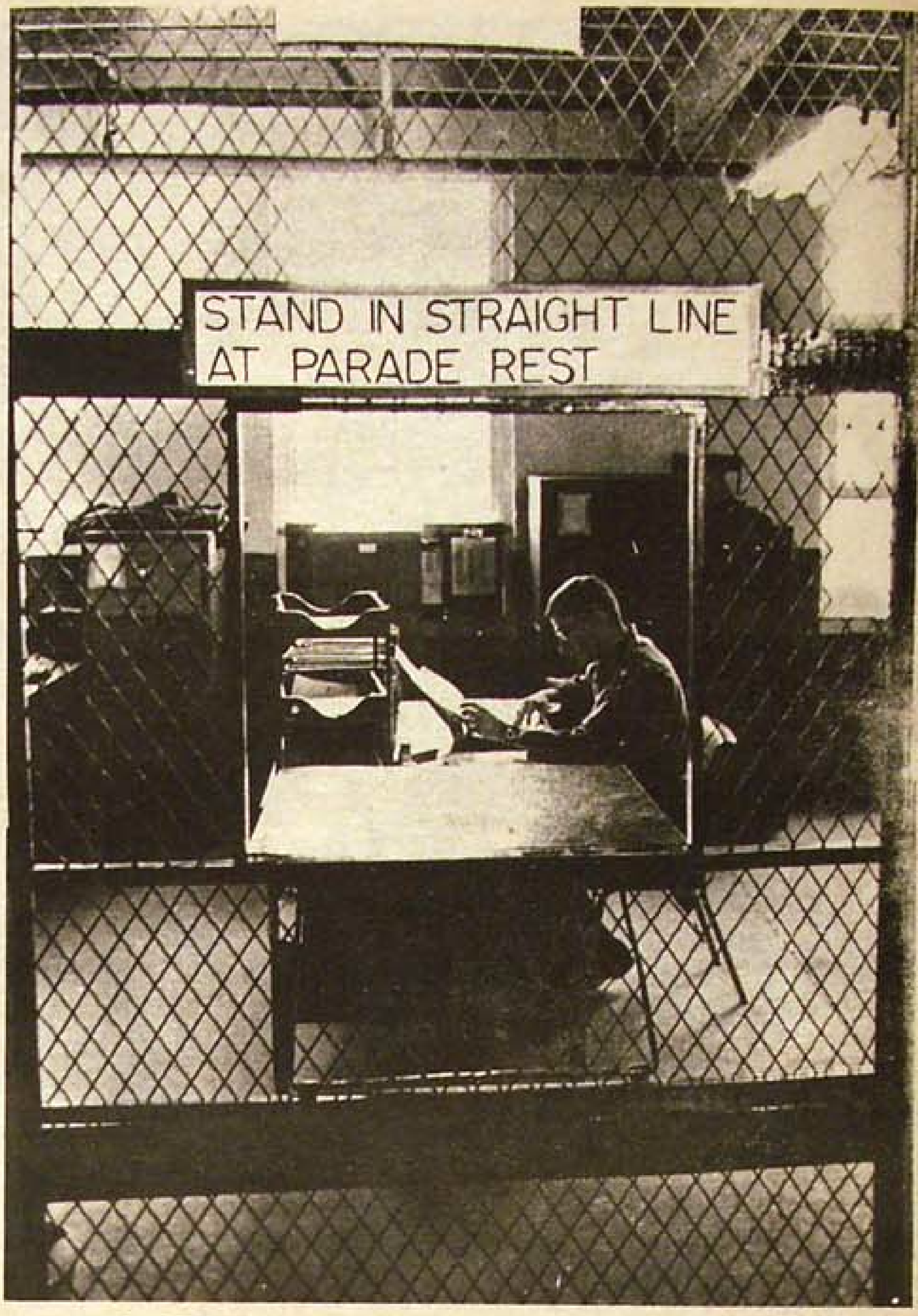
The present situation carries a new element which Duvalier is trying to hide from international opinion: the existence of an internal organization which motivates and organizes popular resistance.

PUCH has for some time stimulated and organized acts of popular armed resistance in Haiti. Even before the creation of a unified party, there were numerous peasant demonstrations. Then in January 1969 began various acts of resistance against arrests. In February came attacks against "tonton macoutes" (secrete police) for the purpose of taking their arms. On March 6 there was an armed revolt of peasants at Cazale.

The government of Duvalier has reacted with extreme violence against the peasants of Cazale, burning their homes and massacreing a large portion of the population. The repression today is terrible. The prisons are full, and even the International Red Cross has been unable to obtain authorization to visit the political prisoners. And Haitians, especially the youths returning from Europe, are arrested without discrimination on their arrival at the Port-au-Prince airport.

Duvalier will pay any price to prevent the organization of resistance to his regime. He wants to obtain goodwill and aid from Washington. Certain facts of Duvalier-U.S. collaboration are already well known such as cordial meetings in the working office of Duvalier with the U.S. Ambassador; an invitation to the filming of Apollo VIII; a generous letter from Ambassador Ross to the Editor of the Haitian government newspaper, Mr. Gerard de Catalogne. Less known is the presence in Haiti of a technical mission composed exclusively of Black Americans who give courses on anti-communism and teach repressive methods to officers and selected soldiers inside the Casernes Dessalines, (the Haitian government fortress). Using Black Americans to train Duvalier's hated secret police is a U.S. devisive tactic which pits blacks in the U.S. against blacks in Haiti who are fighting Duvalier's terror.

(from Acaau)



GI PRISON NO BETTER THAN CIVILIAN

G.I. S UNITED LEADER ACQUITTED OF TWO CHARGES

In his second court martial, Pvt. Tommie Woodfin of Brooklyn, an Afro-American leader of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam at Fort Jackson, won an acquittal on two counts and was convicted on a third. He was defended by attorney Peter Rindskopf of the Southern Legal Assistance Project in Atlanta, in association with the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee.

In a three and a half hour special court martial, presided over by Major Ralph E. Inman, Pvt. Woodfin pleaded guilty to being AWOL Memorial Day weekend on a visit to his girl friend in New York, who was in the hospital. He was convicted and given a sentence of one month at hard labor not in confinement: he was also busted to E1. The light penalty was a result of the defense counsel's presentation of the fact that at the time he went AWOL he had not had a weekend pass since February plus he had been on restriction much of that time. In addition, Woodfin testified that when he had explained to his commanding officer that his girl friend was in the hospital and that he wanted to see her, he was told, "You'll get a pass when you're soldier enough."

Pvt. Woodfin was acquitted of the charges that he had used "provocative language" to Acting Sgt. James L. Brody in a dispute over whether Woodfin had "jumped" the chowline. He was also acquitted of the charge that he "unlawfully did strike Acting Sgt. James L. Brody in the face with the contents of a cup of hot coffee and he did further strike him about the head with a chair." Although the prosecution presented two witnesses, Acting Sgt. Brody and Pvt. John R. McGriff, the head checker on the chow line, their main line of prosecution was to destroy the defense's contention that Brody was lying. Besides Woodfin, dedefense presented Pvt. Ken Cross and Pvt. Gregory Dorsey as witnesses. They both stated that Brody had threatened Woodfin about jumping the line, and in the ensuing scuffle, that "Brody was on top." After testimony by Second Lt. Hughes that Cross, Dorsey and Woodfin lived in the same barracks and were friends, the prosecution inferred that they would lie for each other, and therefore, Brody, who flatly denied having struck Woodfin, was telling the truth.

The defense argued that since there was contradictory evidence, and since the onus of proving guilt was on the Army, Pvt. Woodfin should be acquitted, which he was.

Woodfin, who was previously acquitted on a charge of having illegally distributed a "flyer" (the GIs United petition) is due for a field board hearing some time next week to determine his "fitness" or "unfitness" to remain in the Army. The Army will undoubtedly try to use this AWOL conviction as grounds for giving Woodfin an "undesirable" discharge. The results of this most recent court martial are seen as a victory for the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee, and for the continuing fight of the GIs United for their Constitutional rights.

AN APPEAL BY G.I.'S OF FORT DIX

Dear Friend,

We make this appeal to you on behalf of those 38 men accused of taking part in the Ft. Dix rebellion (for details see attached story). These men are now being held in the stockade on various combinations of the following charges: conspiracy to riot, inciting to riot, rioting, destruction of government property and aggravated assault. At least ten of these men face general courts martial which could result in up to 46 years in prison per man.

It is clear that they are being held as political prisoners because of their opposition to imperialist wars and the brass.

Terry Klug, an ASU organizer who worked with RITA (Resisters Inside the Army, with anti-war soldiers in France and who is currently serving a three year sentence for "desertion" is one of the key men charged. He makes the following appeal to the American Servicemen's Union and all progressive forces.

"Sitting in my cell all day gives me much opportunity to think out the things and try and organize things so that we will win!...

"Needless to say, we want out! We want to beat this case. I think I can speak for Bill Brakefield (Bill Brakefield was jsust completing his sentence on an AWOL charge when the Dix rebellion broke and he was charged along with Terry as one of the leaders). However, this case has given us, as we see it, the opportunity to fight back, expose the military machine for what it is, hurt the military machine, and organize within our own ranks at the same time. Yet, being confined, limits many or our actions. In fact the only thing we can do is write out articles, make statements, and present our ideas on tactics and strategy....

"I think one of the biggest factors in this case and a thing which will descide whether we win or not is outside support. We need a great amount of publicity and support or else we're as good as lost....

"As I've said, we want to know that we have played our part in helping to destroy this obscene beast."

Yours in the Struggle,
Andy Stapp

LETTER FROM PETER HARATY

Dear sirs:

I noticed the lines in your reprint of the Guardian article about the fact that the press never mentions what the Party is doing for the people in concrete, constructive terms which even the mindless middle class could identify with, like the clinics and Breakfast Program. A week before receiving this June 21 issue, I had sent in to the local pig paper the enclosed article, in response to an instructor in Anthropology at the University of Vermont, who had been scared by a Victor Riesel column on the Black Panthers. Victor Riesel is considered a moderat pro-labor writer by the local paper, and said in a letter to the paper that while the Panthers were obviously not "treasonous", they were certainly subversive, and they should be destroyed. From this he went on to a half-assed analysis of the black man in America as this country's native peasant class, with the same grievances against the power structure as the Vietnamese Liberation Front, and therefore we needed more welfare programs and industrial development in the ghettoes. You see what I mean by half-assed.

So in replying, I decided to ignore the second half of his letter, which would take too long to respond to, and would never be published, and hooked into the guts of the middle-class conscience, which just loves that old Constitution. Because I think the educated white middle-class is potentially the most dangerous element in this fascist society - I mean the professors, the doctors, the "liberal" newspaper editors, and others who aren't up to their neck in Finance Capital, but are fed by it, and know it, and so can discard without a thought all their "deep committment to ACLU ideas." The great failing of the middle-class intellectual liberal is that he can be paralyzed by intellectual contradictions. If it is pointed out to him often enough that he is a hypocrite and a crypto fascist, he can at least be kept from doing anything positively harmful to the liberation movement. Since the liberal prides himself on having no ideology, the obvious difference between what he says he believes in (Democracy) and what he acts as though he believes in (fascism), can hang him up indefinitely in idiotic metaphysical self-discussion. And this keeps him from doing anything.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Peter Haraty

p.s. I hope you FBI readers in the post office have enjoyed this, but if you're going to pass this on, I hope you haven't left any hoof prints on it.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
In the United Front Against Fascism on the Ideological Struggle Against Fascism we read "... Communists who suppose that all this has nothing to do with the cause of the working class, who do nothing to enlighten the masses on the past of their own people is a historically correct fashion, in a genuinely Marxist. A Leninist-Marxist, a Lenin-Stalin spirit, who do nothing to link up their present struggle with its revolutionary traditions and past - voluntarily relinquish to fascist falsifiers all that is valuable in historical past of the nation, that the fascists may bamboozle the masses..."

Or we read in the first page of State and Revolution:

"During the lifetime of great revolutionaries, the oppressing classes have visited relentless persecution on them and received their teaching with the most savage hostility, the most furiour hatred, the most ruthless campaign of lies and slanders. After their death, attempts are made to turn them into harmless icons, "consolation" of the oppressed classes and with the object of duping them, while at the same emasculating and vulgarizing the REAL ESSENCE of their revolutionary theories and blunting their revolutionary edge...They omit, obliterate, and distort the revolutionary side of its teachings, its revolutionary soul.

We here in America have permitted the fascists, reactionaries and conservatives to take over our revolutionary flag which the fascists have seized and wrapped it around themselves, claiming it for their own, and this revolutionary flag has been rejected and defiled by so-called revolutionists.

Our slogan should be, "our flag, made by REVOLUTIONISTS, for which ONLY REVOLUTIONISTS FOUGHT AND DIED FOR, AND WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD BY REVOLUTIONISTS.

The anti-Marxist-Leninist arguments concerning the so-called limitations and shortcomings of the American Revolution is as foolish as enumerating the shortcomings of the discovery of the first wheel, war, car, plane or fire.

Everything, production, men, women, Marx, Lenin, Engles, Stalin, Ho, Mao or any Revolution, event or action MUST BE EVALUATED IN ITS OWN HISTORICAL TIME AND CONTENT. One cannot expect to see the shortcomings of a French, American or Russian Revolution in the light of the advances of today.

Now is the time to reaffirm that the traditions of this country were born in revolution and revolutionaries were its midwife (as in all revolutions). And it was our revolutionary fathers who told the Tories and reactionaries, "If you don't want to live in a revolutionary country then leave it." Nor were the revolutionists gentle about it.

Finally, any revolutionary who refuses to seize back this flag is not a Leninist. Utopia does not come with Revolution, either in production or in struggle. Revolution only opens the horizons to broader vistas and new worlds. Thus in a revolution wherein we achieved victory it was in the very victory that visas were open exposing other oppressions and tryannies to comquer. Thus from this victory the horizon showed the enslavement of the red, the black, the women with double chains, the children, the lack of education, the tryanny of property rights. As each tyranny is destroyed we see other forms of tryanny which we are not aware. Nature, production, man, freedom of man and struggle are ever-lasting and glorious, and as we achieve a victory it is only the spur, the inspiration, the faith that in our next struggle we will be able to emulate the heroism, sacrifices and equal the courage of those who put their lives, fortunes and sacred honor on the line to advance mankind. This is our goal. This is our heritage, and the heritage which we hope to leave to those in the near and far future - That we carried the banner of revolution FORWARD. For neither our forebearers, ourselves, our progeny or those of the far distant future will ever achieve the ultimate utopia, for to carry the banner FORWARD is the ultimate and everlasting goal.

Comradely yours,
Roy Savage

LETTER FROM THE BIG FAMILY

Today is revolution culture day. I like the liberation school, and the Panthers. The Panthers are good to us. In liberation school I learned about Malcolm X, Li'l Bobby, John, Bunchy, these were some of the best brothers in the Party, but the racist pigs killed them.

I learned about the big fat businessman. The big fat businessman is greedy.

I learned about the Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton.

Huey P. Newton is a nice man, but he is in jail.

Eldridge Cleaver is eating watermelon.

Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver, Bobby Seale, Bunchy Carter, John Huggins and Little Bobby Hutton are revolutionary changers. I learned about Malcolm X who was a changer and the pigs shot him and burned up his house.

Liberation means freedom.

Liberation is a lot of things to me. I am a changer.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
POWER TO THE YOUTH
THE BIG FAMILY

Wanda Davis
Angie Hilliard
Nadine
Judy Crider
Debra Crider
Danny Wynn
Sonja Neely
Ferlencia Hood
Rochella
Nedra Peace
Tyrone
Leon
Ralph
Angela
Teddy Hill
Carl Hallber

TIL THE THIRD WORLD CONTROLS THEIR DESTINY

Yeah, enslaved americans
with your revolutionary potential
unite
rise up and unleash your revolutionary power
your laten power to free
yourself from bondage
your revolutionary violence
in defense of your oppressed
and suffering masses here
and throughout the world.
revolutionary power to
destroy
the racist and imperialistic
violence and greed that keeps
us in fear and poverty and
slavery
intensify and organize
unify and clean your M-l's
and shot guns and stuff
sharpen your knives and axes
"Freedom for every
or freedom for nobody"
"liberty or death"
get organized for survival
prepare seriously and scientifically
for defense, self-defense
the world awaits...
for power in defense of
freedom
is greater than power in defense of
oppression and terror and murder/
it's time now to strike
for liberty and freedom...
it's 30 seconds to zero/
let our well planned and
disciplined united actions
show the world we know what
time it is.....

do your revolutionary
work
bismillah
march 69

FASCIST PIGS ATTEMPT TO STOP BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The fascist pigs of the power structure in their typical lying demagogic politician manner are oinking in the face of the people.

The White Plains Branch of the Black Panther Party was due to start its Free Breakfast for School Children Program on June 16, 1969, at the Carver Community Center, 85 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, (Fascist Westchester County) New York.

These pigs have been continuingly putting their hog heads together and are determined to stop the Breakfast Program here in White Plains, New York. They oinked a lot of fascist crap about no "political organization" using the facilities of their agency.. So right on!

We went to the people of the community and formed a "Committee For Free Breakfast for School Children Program": Consisting of welfare mothers and other community-minded individuals in order to over-come this fascist political compliance. To this date, the pigs are still oinking...

And to relate to this situation: On Wednesday, July 2, 1969, designated members of the Party went around to the stores that had promised us donations of food (over 25) - only to find out that some of the merchants and grocers had been approached by the local pig department and told not to donate to the Free Breakfast for School Children Program.

Most of the merchants and grocers told the fascist-racist pigs to go fly a kite..RIGHT ON!!

White Plains Branch
Black Panther Party
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
DEATH POWER TO THE PIGS



THE ENEMY ON THE LAST LEG

Fascism is making its last stand. The fascist pig police and FBI are using their strongest means of oppression against the people. As soon as capitalism begins to decay and the people use their democratic rights against capitalism as a weapon, the politicians lies become greater and more complex, the avaricious greedy businessmen pay them and the fascist FBI and cops more money to protect their interests (the exploitation of the people). The people have begun to use more and more the right to bear arms etc. These rights are written in the Constitution of the United States, but when the people use these rights as a weapon against exploitation, murder, terror and brutality the legislature puts their decrepit brain together to make up new laws that take away all of the rights of the people.

Capitalism, breeds fascism. And fascism is the power of finance capital. That capital (Safeway, Standard Oil, etc.) is owned by a few hogs of imperialism. These hogs in fact think that they own the people of this country, than those in possession of money are those in control of the Senate, the Congress, and even the President. Being paid and supported by birchites (middle class and bourgeoisie racists).

Tricky Dick Nixon protects this capital investment by pigs like Rockefeller and Kennedy who have spread their capitalistic ideals and law and order philosophy across the world. (Rockefeller owns Standard Oil and steals from the working class around the world). Then when the people grow tired, (too exhausted to be passive) and use their human rights to defend themselves and try to get living conditions etc. improved; lies of new homes being built come out of the mouths of these demagogic lying deceiving politicians. These lies come only to protect the interests of the capitalistic, imperialistic businessmen. What has happened at this stage is the people are tired of hearing lies and are ready to move violently on these capitalists. So the politician begins to oink about law and order must be enforced just like the 1920's when the Ku Klux Klan was rampant. And in comes the terror, the fascist pig policeman.

These pigs are used to brutalize and torture the people into a state of paranoia. They are madmen let loose on the people to beat them into believing the lies of the damagogic politicians and to "protect" the property of the avaricious, greedy, expoliting businessmen. They are trained to pick out the strong men and women that refuse to be submissive to these exploiting, misleading, and brutal pigs representatives of this country. Their philosophy and American tradition is not apple pie and mother, as they tell you, but "law and order" which is practiced through evil gentry, corrupt officials and tyrants of this power strucutre. Fascism has lost control of itself. People cannot even join together in, protest against evil, and fighters for freedom have become political prisoners while other liberators on a death list composed by J. Edgar Hoover and his running dogs of terror.

The free will of the people has become such a fear to these sadistic freaks until mother and child have been divided. Concentration camps are making reading not just for Panthers but for people of strength in general. Fascists are beating each other in their last futile attempts to corrupt, but the people are joining together and our youth are much too strong and too many in number to let it go much further. There is no such thing as destroying the vanguard party because fascism cannot murder all of the strong. Our faith in the people and each other makes us know nothing of negotiating and so we laugh in the faces of the pig, and Eldridge keeps right on eating watermelon. The enemy is reaching his doom and in the end the people can rejoice when all signs of fascism has been destroyed.

I say this to the people and the workers for liberation, have faith in the people and your strength will not dissolve. Know your enemy but do not be weary of him. Do not fear death or confinement because the people are those who will divide and conquer and with the gun in the hands of the people the pig is forced to surrender.

BE STRONG
Marsha



THE RECTOR KILLING FROM OFFICER'S GUN SHERIFF ADMITS

Alameda County Sheriff Frank Madigan said today his investigation thus far into the mortal wounding of James Rector in last Thursing of James Rector in the People's Park" riots indicated the buckshot came from a "peace officer's" shotgun.

He said the probe is continuing to determine how many shots were fired and by whom during the violence.

At the same time, Madigan discounted the possibility that the fatal buckshot was fired by outsiders and other than members of the combined sheriff's deputies, Berkeley police and California Highway Patrolmen.

Madigan, as commander of the now combined law enforcement and National Guard forces in the Berkeley emergency declared by Governor Reagan, had authorized the issuance of No. 8 and No.7 birdshot when the trouble began.

He pointed out, however, that buckshot is regulation issue for officers and that they had the cartridges in their possession.

Madigan again defended the use of shotguns in violent confrontations such as occurred when the "street people" -- University of California students and others -- were evicted from the park they created on university property on Haste Street.

AUTOPSY

Rector, 25, died at Herrick Hospital after apparently making a good recovery from the wounds despite extensive surgery. At the time, it was believed he had been wounded with birdshot.

A subsequent autopsy, however, disclosed that three slugs, inaccessible before, apparently came from Double-O buckshot, which is a third of an inch in diameter. No.8 and No.7 are smaller than BBS and run about 585 pellets to an ounce. Double-O runs 130 pellets to the pound.

LETTER FROM EVERGREEN

Dear Sir,

I just returned from the SDS National Conference where I had a chance to hear representatives of the Panthers speak. It was the best goddamn revolutionary appeal I have heard since I had the chance of listening to Eldridge Cleaver speak at Columbia. I think that the split in SDS was, while difficult to face, unavoidable in light of PL's counter revolutionary position on the Panthers and the NLF. I admire your courage. I think you are the most important and the most beautiful band of Freedom Fighters ever to appear in America.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
Sincerely,
Dotson Rader
Contributing Editory

LETTER FROM A YOUNG COMRADE

Dear Panthers,

I like your newspaper very much. It is the best newspaper I have ever read. Whenever I read your articles, I get a pain in my chest from anger and sorrow. Any newspaper that does that is a great newspaper.

This letter is unsigned and no return address because a post-office pig might arrest me (even though I'm a kid) for liking you.
An Admirer

P.S. I hope to join you when I grow up, but I hope there will be no need for the Black Panthers by then.

TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THOSE IN EXILE

You are the strong, the threats to fascism, the leaders and the teachers. Everything strong, the pig tries to destroy. But our love for you will not allow that. You are our loved ones and workers for revolution. As we know and love you, no force can separate us permanently. You are those not afraid of death, we know you as brothers and sisters in this revolutionary collective. Things that we on the outside have shared with you are still here. Things that with you are still here. Our love for the people and faith in you cannot die no matter what position we are in. You will be back to Babylon to join us in arms to march to the last battlefield and swim through the blood of the oppressor. We fight because we are strong and we fight because of a strong love for each other. We will not lag in attempts to gain liberation because we know that you want us to work our hardest. The thoughts you have are in our hearts and our revolutionary spirit and love for you becomes greater every day you are imprisoned. You sisters and brothers have been taken from families and comrades but in revolutionary spirit we are as close to you as ever. Have faith in the people and faith in the Party. Be strong, and as long as you are strong fear will not come near you.
Comrade Marsha

BOBBY RUSH SENTENCED TO 6 MOS., $500 FINE

(Fred News Service, July 1)

Bobby Rush, Illinois Black Panther Defense Minister, was convicted in a jury trial (one juror was black) in the Harvey branch of Circuit Court of carrying a concealed and loaded automatic pistol into the Robbins police station on April 2. Magistrate James N. Sullivan sentenced him to serve 6 months at the Vandalia State Prison Farm and levied a $500 fine. He also took the opportunity to raise the appeal bond to $15,000. Bobby had been free on $10,000 bond before the trial.

PIGS CHASE BLACK YOUTH 11 MILES TO KILL HIM

(Fred News Service, June 26)

Robert Jackson, 17, graduated from Chicago Vocational High School June 24. Early this morning he was dead -- shot by pig Ronal Reinsma during a struggle after an 11-mile, 100 MPH auto chase, which involved 11 other squad cars from Chicago and suburbs. And what crime did Jackson commit to warrant the results? According to his companion, Jackson was stealing hub caps when he saw Reinsma and fled because he thought the pig had spotted him.

Black Panther Repression Hit

BY D. J. R. BRUCKNER
Times Chicago Bureau Chief

The Black Panthers have become a special class in the eyes of the law. Last week Vice President Spiro Agnew, who has the unfortunate gift of saying what his colleagues mean, called the Panthers a "completely irresponsible, anarchistic group of criminals."

National Panther leader Bobby Seale was in Chicago less than one day during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. This year a federal grand jury charged him with conspiring to incite a riot during that famous fracas. Some people laughed when the Panthers said this was a sign of what was to come.

On April 3, in New York, 21 Panthers were indicted on charges of conspiring to blow up stores and public places.

On April 28, San Francisco police, using tear gas, raided a Panther office and arrested 16, of whom four were booked and 12 freed. This raid was occasioned by an illegal use of sound equipment by Panthers.

Police in New Haven, Conn., arrested eight Panthers in May and said they would be charged with the murder of a man who was to have testified in the New York trial. But New York prosecutors said the murder victim was not their witness. Last week a New Haven grand jury indicted the eight, and four others, not on charges of murder, but of kidnapping and of abetting murder.

On June 3, FBI agents, toting submachine guns, raided the Chicago Panther office at 5:35 a.m. They sealed off streets; battered in the door; confiscated money, lists of members and contributors, and literature; and arrested eight. The FBI charged the eight with harboring a fugitive wanted in New Haven, but the fugitive was not in the Panther office, and the U.S. commissioner dismissed the charges.

The next day Detroit police raided the Panther office in that city, photographed documents and arrested three Panthers who were later released by the county prosecutor without being charged.

Denver police used tear gas on June 5 in a raid on the Panther office there. They arrested 10. Two who were wanted in New Haven were held, the others released. The next night, in Salt Lake City, another Panther wanted by police in New Haven was arrested.

On June 7, during racial rioting, Indianapolis police stormed the Panther office and arrested 30 persons inside, half of them Panther party members.

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On June 10, a Cook County (Chicago) grand jury indicted 16 Panthers—six of them already in jail—on charges ranging from conspiracy to kidnap, to illegal use of weapons. The night before, Chicago police had arrested 11 other Panthers, charging them with possession of marijuana.

On June 15, during a racial disturbance, San Diego police shot their way into Panther headquarters, where, they said, snipers had taken refuge. None was arrested.

Besides all this, hundreds of individual Panthers have been arrested this year, most of them on minor charges. No one keeps a full list, but San Francisco lawyer Charles Garry says he has 200 Panther cases to defend "from this spring alone." Once arrested and tried, some get special treatment: An Illinois Panther convicted of a $71 robbery has been refused an appeal bond.

Elaborate surveillance of Panthers is widely maintained, openly enough to be a form of intimidation. Now the federal government has asked the courts to validate wiretaps on them.

To what purpose is all this obvious repression? Are the Panthers supposed to be frightened by the prospect of prison or the possibility of death? Many of them are acquainted with the one, and some seek the other. To them such fright is a funny white middle-class hangup. In fact, many new chapters of the Panthers have sprung up across the country coincident with the actions of the law; one wonders if there is not a connection.

What should be remembered is that the law quite clearly defines the rights and limitations of every citizen, even of an avowed revolutionary. But, in action, the method of the law becomes the definition of the law. Our only protection against tyranny, or chaos, is a strict equality in the method of the law.

The treatment of any group, no matter who they are, as a special class, is a threat to every citizen; it is an attempt to buy quiet and comfort at the cost of justice and freedom.

Los Angeles Times



Chico Neblett

BOSTON PURGE

As of May 24, 1969 these renegade, cultural nationalist opportunists are no longer members of the Black Panther Party.

The Boston branch of the Black Panther Party has affirmed annew the discipline of the Party and has purged these fools from the Party ranks for the reasons stated below.

1. Failure to follow the teachings of Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton.
2. For complete disregard for the discipline of the Party.
3. Subjectivism
4. Opportunism against the people.
5. Propagating cultural nationalist madness inside the Party instead of class struggle.
6. Racism
7. Individualism

The following people have been purged:

1. Chico Neblett, Field Marshall
2. T.D.Pawley, Asst to the Field Marshall
3. Delano Farrar, Area Captain
4. Frank Hughes, Lt. of Information
5. Karen Flippen, Lt. of Finance
6. Kay Glaspy, Communications Secretary
7. Rene Neblett, Lt. of Culture
8. Yazid Nzinga, section leader
9. Mike Claytor, sub-section leader.
10. Paula Firmin
11. Les Wood
12. Monica Millet
13. Mike Grattan
14. Roger Freeman
15. Bernadette Mount
16. Pamela Hayes
17. Maurice Kalhman

In May of this year a bunch of cultural nationalist fools lead by Chico Neblett attempted to undermine the people's revolution. These pea-brained counter-revolutionaries tried to go against the teachings of the Minister of Defense and take over the Boston Branch of the Black Panther Party. They failed in their attempt and were purged from the party. Chico joined the party with the other boot-licker Stokely Carmichael, every since that time he has been steadily robbing the people. His 1969 Corvett, his fur coat, and his expensive camera equipment can prove that Chico was going around talking about some madness he called Pan-Africanism. All it really was, though, was a bunch of bullshit to hide the robbing of the people, he has been doing. By going against the teachings of Huey P. Newton, Chico has said "fuck the people," fuck the Party, and the complete and total liberation of blacks here in fascist America.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON BRANCH, BLACK PANTHER PARTY

LANDON & RORY

Chairman Mao states: The oppressed peoples and nations must not pin their hopes for liberation on the "sensibleness" of imperialism and its lackeys." They will only triumph by strengthening their unity and perservering in their struggle.

On the two previous pages the political imprisonment of Landon Williams and Rory Hithe was cited to be directly due to rampant fascism here in America.

Brothers Landon and Rory have been imprisoned in Denver County Jail since June 7, 1969, in isolation. Approximately one week later all of their "constitutional rights" and priviledges had been revoked. They are not allowed to have attorney-client rights when whatever information is interchanged regarding the client's case is confidential with no prying from prison officials etc. The mail from their attorney, Leonard Davies, is opened before they even have the opportunity to read it. Remember how this is a right supposedly guaranteed by law. Also they are not allowed their constitutional rights, freedom of speech through writing, etc. They are not allowed any writing priviledges, meaning that they cannot write to anyone other than their attorney, not even their wives or family. They are denied commissary priveledges so therefore they get no extra nutrition, because they are on a limited diet of bread and water with one complete meal every three days. They have also been confined to a hole in the wall (an 8 by 10 cell) with inadequate lighting. The light bulb itself is 100 watts but the grating that covers the light is of a type that affords insufficient lighting for reading. If one happens to have the top bunk, then there is a possibility that one can read if they strain; even this is only for a very short period of time. These two brothers are beginning to show signs of irreparable eye damage that will probably result in their having to wear glasses. Landon and Rory have been denied these rights simply becauxe they have refused to wash our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton's, essays off the wall. They were written due to the fact that the pigs wouldn't let them have any reading materials at first. (Pig Judge Kingsley, called it obscene matter.)



RORY B. HITHE

Rory's case was taken to court. The presiding judge was Robert T. Kingsley. Rory's hearing was last Thursday, July 3, 1969. The above stated "allegations" were made before Kingsley. The defense called under-sheriff (warden) Trujillo and pig captain Snyder from the sheriff's department to testify as to the conditions under which the brothers are being held. A pig is a pig, is a pig, is a pig, IS A PIG, and these two pigs did what is typical for animals of their low nature: they vacillated back and forth. Pig Judge Kingsley stated that he had read the allegations of restrictions presented before him last week by Attorney Davies. He said that the brothers' incarceration under such conditions was due to their refusal to sweep their cell. The maximum security cell was the general procedure followed under the conditions for the type of charges (supposedly for observation) Trujillo said their priviledges weren't revoked for several days afterward. The cases that were cited by Attorney Davies were read by Kingsley and supposedly given due consideration. Kingsley stated that he felt he was without jurisdiction in telling the warden how to run his jail. He also stated that certain regulations have to be complied with by all inmates or there would be no sense of orderliness of conduct that is demanded of the people (inmates). Although evidence did show that Davie's allegations were true. Kingsley said the brothers' priviledges would not be restored until they complied with prison regulations as had been stated by Warden Trujillo. Kinglsey said that one should look to the substance of the matter rather than the terminology and that he was not going to interfere with the normal running of the jail. He did not rule on the substance of the material presented. However he did not rule on their right to mail letters either. His belief is that it is not within his jurisdiction.

Great Omnipotent Pig Kingsley did suggest that the officials at Denver County Jail take a good hard look at the practice of reading the attorney's mail to the client.

So in the final analysis he was without jurisdiction to make a motion. MOTION DENIED!

From all investigation, Kingsley copped out in actuality because he is rather new to the bench and he enjoys the comforts of sitting on his greasy but-pigass doing nothing all day, and still collecting much much much capital. Who gives this pig a right to have another man's life hanging on the balance of his oinking decision? He's oinking in the face of the people.

Kingsley is just one of many types of pigs that finance capital employees. He is no different than these fascist head-whipping gutter pigs that are employed by the system.

The only tools against this overt genocidal war by means of starvation and political incarceration against oppressed people is through a UNITED FRONT of oppressed peoples against these fascist actions.

A capitalist and bourgeoise system is not serving the people, so therefore anytime a system is not serving the people it should be destroyed, through revolutionary means. It is up to the people to rise up like a mighty storm and overthrow this fascist government. Through these means and these means only can we put an end to this shit. We're tired of our people being murdered, unjustly imprisoned, and brutalized. If this system were a real democracy then why would they resort to these means of destroying the people? The answer to this is that they wouldn't have to. They're afraid; they are afraid of the people. They fear the people because they are not serving the people. A capitalistic and exploitative system cannot survive during a revolution, because the people will not allow it.



LANDON R. WILLIAMS

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
ABOLISH FASCISM NOW!
Ora

CONTENT AND FORMS OF THE UNITED FRONT



What is and ought to be the basic content of the united front at the present stage? The defense of the immediate economic and political interests of the working class, the defense of the working class against fascism, must form the STARTING POINT and MAIN CONTENT of the united front in all capitalist countries.

We must not confine ourselves to bare appeals to struggle for the proletarian dictatorship, but must also find and advance those slogans and forms of struggle which arise out of the *vital needs of the masses*, and are commensurate with their fighting capacity at the given stage of development.

We must point out to the masses what they must do TODAY to defend themselves against capitalist spoliation and fascist barbarity.

We must strive to establish the widest united front with the aid of joint action by workers' organizations of different trends for the defense of the vital interests of the toiling masses. This means:

FIRST, joint struggle really to shift the burden of the consequences of the crisis on to the shoulders of the ruling classes, the shoulders of the capitalists, landlords - in a word, to the shoulders of the rich.

SECOND, joint struggle against all forms of the fascist offensive, in defense of the gains and the





rights of the tiolers, against the liquidation of bourgeois-democratic liberties.

THIRD, joint struggle against the approaching danger of imperalist war, a struggle that will impede the preparations for such a war.

We must indefatigably prepare the working class for a RAPID CHANGE IN FORMS AND METHODS OF STRUGGLE when there is a change in the situation. As the movement grows and the unity of the working class strenghtnes, we must go further, and prepare the transition FROM THE DEFENSIVE TO THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST CAPITAL, steering towards the ORGANIZATION OF A MASS POLITICAL STRIKE. It must be an absolute condition of such a strike to draw into it the main trade unions of the



respective countries,.

Communists of course cannot and must not for a moment abandon their own INDEPENDENT WORK of Communist education, organization and mobilization of the masses. However, for the purpose of ensuring that the workers find the road to unity of action, it is necessary to strive at the same time both for short-term and for long term agreements providing for JOINT ACTION WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC - PARTIES, REFORMIST TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TOILERS against the class enemies of the proletariat. The chief stress in all this must be laid on developing MASS ACTION locally, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS through local agreements.

While loyally carrying out the conditions of all agreements made with them, we shall mercilessly expose all sabotage of joint action on the part of persons and orgnizations participating in the united front. To any attempt to wreck the agreements - and such attempts may possibly be made- we shall reply by appealing to the masses while continuing untiringly to struggle for the restoration of the broken unity of action.

Excerpt from UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM by Georgi Dimitroff





BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN ABOUT TO BE VAMPED ON

On Wednesday, July 9, the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party opened a Free Breakfast for Children Center at the Jackson Christian Blvd. Church on Western and Jackson. 200 children were fed, and the number will increase daily. On Thursday a pig showed up among the people and told us that our program was interfering with a government program called Operation Push-up. He said that the children needed push-ups more than they needed a hot breakfast. How many push-ups can a hungry child do?

We told him that THE PEOPLE RUN IT, not the pigs

The Black Panther Party is about serving the needs of the people. Rather than having many bureaucratic commissions divorced from the people studying the hunger problem, the Party started breakfast programs all over the country. Hungry children are being fed because they need to be. The capitalist punks in power do nothing to stop the problem. They can't make a profit off of feeding hungry children.

A lying demagogic politician was sent over to negotiate with the Black Panther Party, but our cause is not negotiable. The children will be fed. We will see to it that whatever the people need, the people will get.

We are ready to see that each and every hungry child is fed. No bootlicking politician is going to have anything to say about it.

If you want the Breakfast for Children Program to continue through the summer--SUPPORT IT. Come on down, help us stop the pigs.

"We must stop the capitalist corporate structure from killing us, teasing us, dividing us, and ruling us...The time has come to fall the system. It only uses us to perpetuate itself. To serve the system is treason. Smash the State. POWER TO THE PEOPLE"
Eldridge Cleaver
Minister of Information
Black Panther Party

Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party



CHARLES BURSEY SERVING THE YOUTH

INDIANA BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Program got under way in Indianapolis (Indiana) after many setbacks from lying preachers and merchants. We are now in the third week and the response from the community, has been great, many mothers have turned out to help us serve and prepare food, and the children are always reluctant to see us leave.

This program got under way with the help of Bill Crawford (the Deputy Chairman's brother) who has really been a true worker and his concern for black people is genuine.

Brother Crawford (Bill) is a member of the Black Radical Action Project, one of four organizations we contacted about the program, and the only organization continuing their support. It's quite obvious that poverty money has hung these other bull-jiving tricks of the power structure in a bag of continuous exploitation of the people.

In addition to the Breakfast Program, a People's Garden has been planted and we hope to plant many more in the future.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE
Indiana Chapter
Black Panther Party

BOSTON BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Program of the Boston Chapter is a continuing success, with no thanks to the avaricious businessmen who refuse to feed the children of the community. Just to name a few: Little Archie Williams and the Freedom Food Monopoly, Archduke Nelson of the B & B (Black and Beautiful - Bandit and Braggart) Blair's Foodland, No-No Nepo and the Frankfurt Freaks, New England Meat Packing Company, Swifto Swift, Roxbury Cinema, and the Metropolitan Opera House of Roxbury. These businesses are obviously not working in the interest of the people, but are operating in the interest of profit-making. If the businesses cannot function in the interest of the people, then they must not function at all.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE
FREE HUEY
Boston Chapter
Black Panther Party

PHILADELPHIA, PA., BREAKFAST

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM - A PEOPLE'S PROGRAM!

Monday, July 7th, 1969, met a Free Breakfast for Children Program at 8:00 a.m. despite attempts by big business and petty pig churches to stop or ignore it. The kids number, totalling approximately 70 on this rainy beginning of a week, was welcomed by uniformed Panthers, at their service. They ate heartily, a heaping helping of grits, sausages, eggs, milk, and orange juice. A partial listing of businesses not helping this people's program will be included in the People's News Service, with mention of some very anti-community minded people closing their doors to the communities needs- in other words, churches.

A partial listing of these avaricious businessmen are:
SEALTEST
HARBISON'S (exception 1st day)
PENNBROOK
ABBOTTS
BOND BREAD

We ask you not to buy at these places, and not to buy these products. Show these arrogant businessmen, that get their profit from you -- the people, WHAT THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE can do to their profits.

On the other hand, Milk Maid, Tang, WDAS radio, Hand's Restaurant, Jay's 5 & 10, Reo Discount Store, Seidler Shelly Shop, Yo De Yo Produce, Jurman & Sons, Dr. A. Klein & Burley Clark, SOS Department Store, have aided the people in this humanistic, revolutionary endeavor! PEOPLE'S POWER!
Philadelphia Chapter
Black Panther Party



FASCISTS UNLEASH REIGN OF TERROR IN PLAINFIELD, N.J.

Plainfield, N.J. During the "hot summer" of 1967, a black youth, Bobby Lee Williams, was wantonly shot by a fascist policeman, John V. Gleason. Hundreds of people from the community who witnessed the shooting struck back in anger at the offending officer, bringing about his death.

After unleashing a reign of terror in the community, the police arrested twelve black people and charged them with murder.

Of the twelve, two young black residents of Plainfield, Gail Madden, 24, mother of two, and George Merritt, Jr., 25, a Marine Corps veteran, are now serving life sentences for their alleged participation in the killing of patrolman John Gleason.

The third black youth, Bobby Lee Williams, 24, shot and maimed for life by Gleason, is himself facing trial under a three-count indictment. If convicted, Williams faces a possible sentence of death or life imprisonment.

The facts of this tragic case deserve the attention and intervention of every American concerned with the integrity of the judicial process and with the class relations throughout our land.

Madden and Merritt have been punished and Williams is yet to be punished, not for guilt in the murder, but because the State wants them as hostages to assure the "good behavior" of the black community of Plainfield, New Jersey.

The fascists unleashed a reign of terror in the Black community--they rounded up twelve young blacks for sacrifice and pressured others into becoming State's witnesses. To the deep-seated problems that had caused the social unrest, the answer of the authorities was a mass trial that would continue the oppression of black community dwellers.

Gail Madden, first of the twelve to be charged with the crime, was arrested almost two months after the assault on Gleason. The last was not arrested until early 1968. The trial began in September 1968, 14 months after the assault. Most of the defendants spent months in jail before being released on bail.

Six prosecution witnesses, threatened and coerced by the State during the reign of terror in the community, recanted in court before the judge but, unfortunately, not in the presence of the jurors. The public through the press, saw the police in their true light, frantically and illegally extracting false statements from intimidated black people--but these facts never reached the jury. Might not the jury verdicts have been different if they had known? The chief prosecution witness, who implicated six of the twelve defendants, had 20/200 vision--in effect, was legally blind.

The trial itself was conducted in an intimidating atmosphere of racial provocation. All participants, including the court-appointed defense attorneys, were frisked daily for weapons. The pressure was deadlocked on the ninth. Two, Gail Madden, (a large woman weighing 250 pounds, allegedly wearing a bright dress, was seen on the edge of the crowd, not at the center of it where the assault took place), and George Merritt, Jr., (a Marine Corps veteran with a four-year service record and an honorable discharge, a government worker highly praised by his superiors. Even though a prosecution witness claimed to have seen Merritt assaulting Gleason with a meat cleaver, the State's pathologist failed to testify that Gleason's body bore a wound made by a meat cleaver. This same witness, in open court, three times identified incorrectly a third person as one who wielded a baseball bat in the assault, yet the person so identified had been in jail at the time of the assault. Six witnesses established that Merritt was not present at the scene of the assault. Another prosecution witness refused to place Merritt at the scene when asked if he could do so). By conducting sessions on Saturdays, holidays, and evenings, the judge made good his promise to have the jury home for Christmas

The conviction of Madden and Merritt was groundless. The State has gotten its pound of flesh: it has two black hostages and an indictment against Bobby Lee Williams.

In March of 1969, the State announced that it would not try the postponed case nor retry the deadlocked one.

It is impossible to explain why Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. were singled out for conviction. The only rational explanation is that someone had to pay for the death of a white officer. The police are now harassing those who were acquitted. Two have been convicted of "the possession of marijuana"; two others have been convicted on charges relating to the 1967 ghetto disturbances.

It is commonplace that victims of police abuses are falsely charged with crimes. Such charges create a justification for the lawlessness of the police.

Bobby Lee Williams, the victim of Gleason's gun, is charged with the serious crime of inflicting "numerous and diverse persons" (presumably black persons) to kill or injure Officer Gleason. This is an impossibility, since he had been wounded and removed to the hospital before the assault on Gleason took place. Williams is further charged with malicious assault on Gleason and with assault and battery on him while in the performance of his duties. If convicted, Williams faces a death sentence or life imprisonment.

These charges may seem difficult to prove, but the State has shown itself resourceful in obtaining a conviction with no evidence. The stakes are high in the Williams case. If the State can make its charges stick, it will have established judicially what it had failed to do at the murder trial; it will have created a valid reason for Gleason's presence in the ghetto. And, short of that, a justification for Gleason's use of his gun.

A conviction will remove from the scene a militant who, at great personal risk, is seeking to contribute to the leadership of Plainfield's black community. Though Williams had been removed from the scene prior to the assault on Gleason, the police later threatened him if he refused to serve as a prosecution witness in the murder trial. Williams steadfastly refused to join the conspiracy. On December 1967 a sealed indictment was handed down against Williams. As late as November 12, 1968, a last effort was made by the police to force Williams to testify. For his refusal, Williams has been threatened with indictment. Two days later, on November 14, 1968, the indictment was made public and Williams was arrested.

A conviction of Williams will intimidate and tighten the bonds of the ghetto on those trapped within it. But the State can achieve its goals only through a frame-up similar to that which produced the conviction of Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. Public concern can make the difference.

Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. have obtained labor and civil liberties attorney Frank Donner to handle their appeal. Bobby Lee Williams will be represented at his trial by civil rights attorney William Kunstler.

At the behest of the defendants and their families, community leaders have joined the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee for Bobby Lee Williams, Gail Madden, and George Merritt, Jr. The Committee's Co-Chairmen are Freeman Whetstone and Dr. David Frost and the Treasurer is Paul Polskin. The committee calls upon the public for all possible assistance. An informed and aroused public can help guarantee freedom for the three hostages.

URGE YOUR RELATIVES, FRINDS AND NEIGHBORS TO DO THESE THREE THINGS NOW:

1. Bring the facts of these cases to your church, synagogue, trade union, school, youth organization, political club, civic organization. Invite the committee to send a speaker to your group.
2. WRITE TO: Governor Richard J. Hughes, State House, Trenton, N.J., asking him to quash the indictment against Bobby Lee Williams and to free Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr.
3. WRITE TO: Jacques E. Wilmore U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y., asking him to investigate the conditions in Plainfield and the conduct of the governmental authorities that led to the indictment of 12 young black people for the murder of Patrolman Gleason and to the indictment of Bobby Lee Williams.

Contributions are needed for court costs for Bobby Lee Williams' trial and for the appeal of Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr., and to carry on an extensive public campaign. Attorneys Frank Donner and William Kunstler are serving without fee. Contributions should be sent in care of the Treasurer to the address given below. Please make checks payable to: Plainfield Joint Defense
218 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

information taken from Speak Out for the Release of Plainfield's Black Hostages

INDIANA PANTHERS GO BEFORE FASCIST JUDGE

16 Indiana Panthers (Indianapolis Chapter) went before the Kangeroo court, to face ridiculous charges of disorderly conduct when Panthers Headquarters was illegally busted into by the fascist gestapo troops of pig Lugar. The pigs entered the Panther office after the door had been opened to influence people into the building, after an idiot fool gestapo member had shot into a crowd of black people, following an attempt to exercise brutality on a black brother, who in turn knocked the nut on his fascist ass.

Eight of the Panther brothers went to trial July 2nd, seven cases were continued until Sept. 18th, one case was tried as a test case resulting in a conviction for Lawrence Roberts, the Deputy Minister of Finance. The brother was convicted although the pig who supposedly made the arrest could not identify him. The pig made the statement that he chased Lawrence into the building, and arrested everyone for disorderly conduct. He admitted that he and the rest of the scum had no warrant and that they saw a chance to make a big bust and they took advantage of this. Still a conviction was obtained.

Eight more brothers went to trial, the attorney asked for a continuance and met opposition from the judge who at first over-ruled the motion, but after some deliberation, finally agreed to continue the cases until Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

The fascist judge in a fit of anger made the statement that he was determined to try these cases and that this was the last delay that he would accept.

The people have now seen the clear attempt to destroy the Panther Party, nationwide.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Indiana Chapter
Black Panther Party

3 PANTHERS BUSTED FOR CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA WORK AMONG THE MASSES

On Friday, the 4th of July, 3 members of the Black Panther Party, while conducting educational, and political work among the people, were busted and charged with soliciting papers without a permit. They were arrested in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Arrested were, Milton McGriff, age 30, Elijah Graham, age 18, and Eugene Wells, age 23, with an initial fine of 30 dollars.

Later, after the news hit the hierarchy of the fascist pig set-up, the pigs changed their game to $100 a piece.

Back in Philadelphia, the Party found little of nothing could be done in terms of legal help, because of the laws of licenses. In addition to this, the 3 brothers, not being residents of New Jersey, found that they would have to pay in cash. So--we were forced to get the only money available--paper money.

The case is supposed to be floored on Monday morning, July 7th, 9:00, at Atlantic City. These bulls--t charges and fines show the inevitable necessity for a UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM----PEOPLE'S POWER!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
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Lt. of Information
Philadelphia Chapter
Black Panther Party

THE TRUTH ABOUT NEW HAVEN BUST

Calling all Black People to unite and support those of the vanguard, the "Panthers" that are jailed on trumped-up charges. Help free the black sisters and brothers who are accused of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Why hasn't any of the Black organizations investigated these allegations? The Black Panthers are accused of murder and no one has come forth to question the charges. Black people, look into what the "News-Media" has told you! Let's dig it for ourselves! What evidence have they shown us? They found a body in the river, and immediately stormed the "Black Panther Headquarters" in New Haven and charged everyone present with murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Huey P. Newton is in jail. Eldridge Cleaver is in political exile. It must be evident that the Pig Power Structure is attempting to break-up the Black Panther Party by arresting the leaders throughout the country.

Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice, we must support the Panthers that are in jail in New Haven! Let us dare to the death to question the gestapo tactics used by the Mad-dog fascist police. "We want an immediate end to Police Brutality and murder of Black people." Many of us have seen and experienced Police Brutality. We live in an occupied community. "We believe we can end Police Brutality in our Black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America gives the right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense."

The Panthers are not guilty of murder, but many people are guilty of doing absolutely nothing to bring about a better society for the next generation. We have put the burden on the shoulder of our children and "they" have told us that our children are guilty of murder and we do nothing.

"Political Power grows out of the barrel of A gun." Let all Black people state, "either you remove your oppressive forces from our community, or we will start shooting".

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

DOW STRIKE

The sign on the Union Hall door reads "328 vs Billions of Dollars." The 328 are members of Local 23 of the International Chemical Workers Union in Pittsburgh, California. They have been striking Dow Chemical since May 7th for their class interests -- and they know it.

The main issue is the right for this Local to go out in support of striking Locals at other Dow Plants. The Unionwill accept the shitty wages Dow offered, knowing it won't keep them up with inflation. The right to support other strikes is what they're fighting for hardest, and what Dow will be damned if it accepts. A second important issue is Dow's plan for maintenance crew consolidation, where the company wants to force men at a lower wage level to do higher grade work at the lower wage rate. This is part of Dow's continuing plan to eliminate the number of men in the Union. Over the last 3 years Local 23 has lost over 100 men from its life as a union.

It's been a long, tough strike and it's going to get longer and tougher. Ten weeks is a long time to be out on strike with benefits of $25.00 a week. This week they received their last strike money from the International. The workers say that Dow contacted the bank that holds most of their mortgages and it is starting to put pressure on. About a third of the workers are now on welfare, but the new State Senator from Contra Costa County, Former D.A. John Nejedly, has a bill pending in Sacramento to prohibit striking workers from getting welfare benefits. Dow has enough scabs to run the plant at low efficiency, using most of the management and research personnel from Dow's Walnut Creek Research Laboratory. The company also has student scabs and even tried to hire the sons of striking workers to scab on their fathers. Teamsters are formally honoring the pickets but are actually serving the company by driving their trucks to transfer points a mile from the plant, where managers take over and drive from there.

The workers of Local 23 get help from brothers in other unions. Members of other unions in the area, particularly the Pittsburgh Steel workers and the Richmond and Martinez Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers have helped with money and advice. Most of all they've had help from their ICWV brothers in Dow's Torrance Plant in L.A., who won't cross Local 23's informational picket and have shut down the plant. This class solidarity forced the government to take its fat napalm contract from Dow and give the blood money from this weapon of imperialism to American Electric Company in La Jolla. Torrance is out for Pittsburgh now, and Pittsburgh is striking for the right to support them later. The Torrance Local's contract comes up in November.

Conditions in the Union haven't made it any easier. Most of the workers are in their forties and fifties and the more militant younger men say there's a "generation gap". There is, but there is also an important bridge. Some of the older men know they're fighting for the next generation and for class interest. The most class conscious men have made sure contract votes are open and few men will openly vote against their class interests. There is a distance between the rank and file and elected leadership which shies away from militancy. This is the first strike for Local 23 in its 25 year history and nobody is quite sure what to do. The International doesn't seem to be much help. Local 23 has gotten better advice from other unions in the area, and some workers think the International has kept the strike out of the news.

Local 23 needs help from its black, union, and student brothers in the struggle against monopoly capitalism. Union people must talk about the issue of solidarity in this strike and use this as an example for discussions with all other union members. With the strike fund gone, Local 23 needs money now as never before. Other workers can report scabs to their unions and prevent others from scabbing. Workers in San Jose can talk to drivers from Acme and Giocomazzi Brothers truck lines which go into the Pittsburgh Dow Plant all day.

Dow wants to break this union and that's another example of things to come. Five hundred of the world's most important corporate pigs are getting together in San Francisco in September for the International Industrial Conference, sponsored by the Stanford Research Institute. These top hogs of the ruling class are fixing their plans to continue to exploit the workers of the Third World. They also want to find "alternatives to free collective bargaining". This means Union busting, another long step towards fascism.

Students can provide what money they can spare from their own Defense Funds and collections, and let other students know that the workers are fighting the same enemy they are. Students can deal with the student scabs who turn out to be the same people who scab on them in campus struggles. Members of Stanford SDS and Berkeley RSU have been in Pittsburgh since July 8th helping the local wherever possible. But more people are needed, especially on the picket lines at the Torrance Plant.

If Dow tries to hire people from the ghettos, black people can keep the word going around that hiring scabs is a way that the ruling class tries to divide the working class against itself. In its fight for solidarity Local 23 is fighting for all of us.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



PRIVATE PROPERTY CHALLENGED AND FASCISTS RUN AMUCK

Berkeley's white, mother country radicals, obviously still angry over the rape of their people's park annex, and the trick bag they were thrown into with the people's pad, leveled a sneak attack on the Cyclone fence at the old people's park. Wire cutters were smuggled into the area in loaves of French bread which could be said to be appropriate since the day happened to be "Bastille Day", a French holiday. As usual, it was all in fun and games until the fascists got word of what was happening. When the pigs hit the scene so did tear gas, night sticks and shotguns.

The street people took up their usual arms -- rocks and bottles. From noon until darkness there was chemical warfare, cracked skulls and mass arrests. Ronald Reagan's elite fascist California Highway Patrol and mad dog Madigan's goon squad lent a hand and really had fun busting in skulls. A local newspaper photographer Vincent Maggiora was taking pictures of four of Madigan's deputies beating a "suspect" when one of them told him "get out of here before I shove that camera up your ass." When the photographer turned to leave, the fascist deputy clubbed him. Just before dark the fascist pigs launched their attack on the Berkeley Free Health Clinic (a socialist facility). Some people who were being treated at the Clinic observed the fascist pigs beating someone in the head and began shouting "fascist pig". The swine tossed gas grenades into the clinic without any regard for the sick people being treated there. Informed sources say that the syndicate that runs the highly paid medical profession has given orders to off all free programs in the same manner as the fascists are trying to destroy the Black Panther Free Breakfast Program.

Dynamite

ACLU AND CONSPIRACY 8 FILE SUIT AGAINST BUGGING

(Fred News Service, June 26)

The ACLU has filed suit in Washington challenging the government policy revealed in Chicago on June 12 that the government has the power -- free from judicial control -- to conduct electronic surveillance of domestic organizations suspected of seeking to subvert the United States. The government asserted its position in response to a motion filed in Chicago some time ago by the 8 people indicted by the federal grand jury after the police riots during the Democratic National Convention. That motion asked that the government be required to divulge any information obtained by wiretapping that led to their indictment. U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman is expected to rule on that motion July 8. In the suit filed in Washington, the complaint says, "By announcing a policy of unfettered executive power to determine possible danger presented to the nation by dissenting persons or groups, the defendants have assumed judicial, penal, and otherwise regulatory authority over the protected activities of all dissenting Americans."

BURSEY TRIAL
ANOTHER STACKED JURY

OAKLAND — Once again attorney Charles R. Garry is facing the upside down jury system of Alameda County.

In the trial of Black Panther Charles Bursey the overwhelming majority of prospective jurors are from Hayward, Fremont and other cities where few black people live and white racism rules unchallenged.

Bursey, on trial before Judge Robert L. Bostick, is charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The charges stem from the April 6, 1968 police attack in West Oakland. These are the same charges on which Warren Wells has been tried twice by the Alameda County District Attorney's office, with two hung juries. He is being held in jail for a third.

In the Bursey trial the District Attorney's office has assigned their most active and overt racist prosecutor, Frank Vukota, who tried to convict 20-year-old Wayne Greene, black student accused of throwing a fire bomb that injured two highway patrolmen on the University of California campus.

SAME PATTERN

Vukota had successfully eliminated every black prospective juror on the panel as of Monday (July 7).

The picking of the jury in the Bursey trial has reflected the pattern in the Huey Newton trial and the Wells and Greene trials.

All day Monday, Vukota used his challenges to oust black people from the panel and when he finished with the black people he started on a white graduate student from the University of California. The Deputy D. A. hasn't forgotten it was the lone white student on the Greene case jury that held out against conviction in the final 11-1 vote.

Before he sent the last black panelist home Vukota paused a long time. It came as no surprise when he said, "The people excuse Mrs. Dellums."

She is the mother of Berkeley City Councilman Ron Dellums.

GARRY'S VIEW

The prosecutor asked if Mrs. Dellums knew any Panthers personally, how much she had read about them, did she know Garry, had she seen his picture in the paper and had she been following his cases in the papers? She had read about Newton but nothing [illegible] She didn't know any Panthers personally. She was not particularly interested in Garry's career, and knew nothing about the Black Panther Party. She was dismissed with the prosecutor's very next challenge.

Garry, on the other hand, has the problem of trying to pick white people who have recognized their own white supremacist tendencies and are honestly combating them.

More than once Garry has interviewed a panelist who doubted his ability to overcome racist tendencies in the rendering of a verdict. In the Bursey trial it was a retired registered nurse.

Garry had asked, "Have you formed any opinions one way or the other from what you have heard or read about the Black Panthers?"

When the woman answered that "More or less all of us form opinions and hers was made in favor of the police."

"If Charles Bursey was your son would you want 12 people of the same state of mind as yours to try your son. Would you be satisfied?" Garry asked.

"Maybe I should say no," she answered.

Judge Bostick let her be "challenged for cause" but he said he was reluctant because he was not at all sure she wouldn't serve as a fair and impartial juror.

During the noon recess Monday Panthers marched and sang at the plaza of the administration building. Speakers from Peace and Freedom, People's (Pad) Legal Defense, Woman Power, Bay Area Revolutionary Union and the Anti-Imperialist Coalition, along with Panther leaders, spoke briefly.

They called for the freedom of Warren Wells because he has been tried twice, a new trial for Bursey because there are no black people on his jury, and prosecution of the cop who killed James Rector the first day of the battle over People's Park.

A six member delegation was sent to make the demands known to the new Alameda County District Attorney, Lowell Jensen. Only two delegates were allowed to see the D.A. He rejected the demands but told the representatives that a grand jury would investigate the Rector killing.



TRICKY DICK NIXON'S BLACK CAPITALISM

While Tricky Dick Nixon was screaming "Black Capitalism" last fall for his election, his fascist pig-fellows were quietly planning a take over of several "Negro" radio stations. These chumps think they can control the black communities of Boston, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh by buying up soul radio stations. But by exposing their tactics to the masses, we will thwart this vicious plan for fascist indoctrination of the black community.

In September 1969, the Cypress Broadcasting Corporation was formed. Three of vicious Nixon's law firm partners (Nixon's Attorney General Rogers is also a member of this firm) and five other swine are on the Boards of Trustees of the corporation or the parent corporation, Cypress Communications Corporation. Six of the eight have holdings or are on the Boards of electronics and Cable Television Companies (the two exceptions are Nixon's lawyers.)

Cypress Communications Corporation itself owns or can acquire Cable Television Systems in parts of six states, including Mississippi The Mississippi franchise includes the towns that SNCC did its most heaviest organizational work in.

In October, they officially put down their jive of buying Dynamic Broadcasting Corporation which owns and controls WILD (Boston soul station), WAMO AM-FM (Pittsburgh soul station), WUFO (Buffalo soul station), and WLTO (Miami Spanish-speaking station). Naturally no one heard much about it because the bullshit election campaign had attracted everyone's attention. But now that everybody is awaiting Tricky Dick's Black Capitalism program, the masses will be amazed to find that this vicious, deceptive program has already been put into practice.

Check it out: Nixon and his conspiracy intends to control a large bourgeois Cuban population by making WLTO in Miami a Spanish speaking station. WLTO was changed from a country western station to a Spanish-speaking station (which will elevate the cultural level of the Spanish-speaking people) on November 10, 1968, a week after pig Nixon got elected, Miami has the largest population of Cuban exiles, most of whom are Cuban middle class, of any city in the USA. Since Nixon plans to live near Miami and has to deal with Cuba through either invasion, negotiation or isolation, being able to manipulate the sentiments of large numbers of bourgeois Cubans who dislike Castro, is greatly to Nixon's advantage.

So Nixon, through his conniving friends, intends to control and stifle both the revolutionary potential of the black community and to control and exploit the pork chop potential of the exiled Cubans.

How did I find this out? I heard rumors about this shit so I went down to visit WILD. After I checked out the license and ownership application, I had a visit with the pig who locally controled WILD He gave me some jive about how much of a growing market we black people are, you know, crap that usually gets hung on pig capitalists about expanding their potential exploitable market base.

Soul music is some beautiful shit. But music can be used like the gun: to liberate or to oppress. Finance capitalists, such as Nixon and his fascist friends using soul music as bait, see soul stations as a market for exploiting the black community as well as a tool of pacification and oppression.

Soul stations provide a good "Black Front" for white capitalists that either don't have company niggers, or else want to get the most mileage possible off of their company niggers. The pigs sell their overpriced shoddy goods with a home fried accent. And since these soul stations make bread by pushing capitalistic goods, they ain't about to be revolutionary. "Your Black History lesson of the air says, on this day in 1890 sumpin', Booker T. Washington received an honorary degree at Harvard." This is the kind of garbage that is passed off as "Black and Proud History" over the treacherous soldout airwaves of the bootlickers of the white capitalists. No wonder the people are always hearing vicious lies about the Black Panther Party and other ture revolutionaries. This is why you will rarely, if ever, hear about the real deeds and bravery and the constant sacrifices of the Panthers over the radio. Stations like WBOK (soul) on New Orleans say that they will work closely with the police department, publicizing their program and supporting their many fine projects.

It is possible that other jive talking capitalists are quickly and quietly conspiring with Nixon to impose their own brand of black capitalism: fascist control of most of the major soul stations in the country. William F. (Faggot) Buckley, owner of Spanish Oil Concessions and publisher of the fascist magazine National Review, has just bought soul stations: WBOK, New Orleans, KYOK, Houston, Texas, WLOK, Memphis, Tennessee. He also owns KOZN (soul), Omaha, Nebraska.

Tricky Dick Nixon and his herd of swine may be buying or have already bought most of the soul stations in the United States. If you don't know which capitalist controls your soul station (only 5 soul stations out of 120 in America are even owned by black capitalists) You can check it out! Go to your local station and ask to see the broadcast license and any transfer if ownership applications are on file. The public has a right to see Federal Communications Commission Regulation 1.526 it is an utmost necessity to reveal to the people just who owns soul stations. We must find out the depth of this fascist penetration of the black community.

The first step to liberation is the full knowledge of the oppressor and his tactics.

POWER TO THE WORKERS
POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
Cappy Pinderhughes
Supporter of the Black Panther Party

More La Raza benefits set

SAN FRANCISCO — The La Raza Breakfast for Children program is currently presenting a series of benefits in the Mission District.

Music is by the Circus and the Clover and satire by the Teatro de la Calle (Street Theatre). Latino foods are on sale.

The events are slated for July 11, August 1, August 8, and August 29 at St. Peter's Hall on 1249 Alabama street (near 24th street) in San Francisco.

HANDS OFF ILLINOIS 16

The sixteen indictments returned against the Black Panther Party were a concerted effort by the Federal Government to destroy the leadership of the peoples vanguard. But like their efforts in the past, these reactionaries have proven themselves to be paper tigers. The racist pigs have redoubled their efforts to destroy the Party since their frame-up of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton they failed to stop the Party and its programs.

The pigs have shown us all that their only duty in the oppressed peoples communities is to repress the Vanguard and brutalize and murder the people. "WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE." The Vanguard has committed no crimes only fed the hungry, clothed the needy, provided medical attention for the sick - while the federal government has sat back on its hind legs, allowing our children to starve to death, to freeze in the winter because of the lack of clothing, and to remain sickly because of the racist medical service in this country.

The Federal Government of this capitalist society is the real criminal. These capitalist fools are murdering, victimizing; and taxing the people to death. All part of this decadent (decaying) capitalist society. If the government was really representative of the people then it would support the Black Panther Party's Breakfast for Children Program, help the Party to institute the nationwide Free Medical Centers, and force its pig agents to withdraw from the community.

The Ku Klux Klan are racist murderers, why haven't they been indicted? The Minute-men are right-wing capitalist fascist, why haven't they been indicted? Black capitalism is a scheme to exploit the masses of the people, why haven't Nixon and his lackies been indicted? The Black Panther Party and the people have exposed these criminals and this is why we are being repressed. The Illinois 16 followed the political ideology of the Party. They are servants of the people; "oxen to be ridden by the people." They are tested revolutionaries, guides who, are helping the masses liberate themselves from the hands of the oppressor.

They work from can't see in the morning to can't see at night establishing socialistic programs. The fascist police agencies throughout the country are intensifying the terror, brutalizing, murdering and visciously repressing people; the 16 were helping the people to resist this genocidal (mass destruction of a people) activity by the government.

The Illinois 16 believes that it is time for us as oppressed people to arm ourselves against this terrorism, "We must rise up as one man to halt the progression of a trend that leads inevitably to our total destruction". -- Huey P. Newton

We must declare what Fred Hampton declared "Let all tests of revolution confront me. Those that I am not ready for, I will become ready for. PEOPLE UNITE"

Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party



LETTER FROM ERICKA

POLITICAL PRISONER

PEOPLE'S POWER,

We constantly hear news about the people's revolutionary camp, the news has been filled with statements that verify the fact the people are moving from Charleston, South Carolina to Rhodesia, South Africa.

We have heard the statements made by the provocatuer agent Powell and we understand that within and without our ranks, there are elements that wish to destroy the peoples revolutionary struggle. We are aware that this can and will not happen. We heard Field Marshall, D.C. blow (on radio from New York) about the atrocities mounted against the N.Y. 21 and we are more aware that there is a specter haunting America - the specter of Fascism!

Although we are separated from the physical struggle - we are always with you - spiritually, and we educate those we come in contact with here.

We do not know yet when we'll return to court, but the trial may not start before September and we (brothers and sisters) are separated, in numerous ways!

In the spirit of the ardent struggles of the 1st International we say:

POWER TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD
LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLES
FREE HUEY, THE N.Y. 21 AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Ericka Huggins



MEMO FROM CONN. 10

TO: The People
FROM: The Connecticut 10

This is to inform the people of racist, capitalist America that although the paranoic charges that have been thrown on us are part of a major plan to wipe out the leadership in all areas of the nationwide movement to end oppression and particularly to destroy the Vanguard of this movement - the Black Panther Party - they can't destroy the people!

Notice the Congressional investigations that have been started this is only to stir up public sentiment against the Vanguard black student groups and S.D.S. We know that the fascist troops from the whitehouse down to the streets will use any methods to turn the masses head. WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS - WE WILL FIGHT TO THE FINISH - though we understand that we may remain incarcerated we know that one day Huey will walk - OH HAPPY DAY - and he will be able to change things for the people of the world.

Our spirits soar to know that there are people out there that support us. We are separated from the rest of the inmate population and some of us are being moved from jail to jail - PIG PARANOIA!! Anyway while we're here - we will study and continue to have political education classes and we intend to exercise everyday to keep our bodies in shape.

We will not be broken by any of their tactics and we will not loose faith in the masses or the Party. We will fight racism with solidarity; We will fight capitalism with socialism, We will fight imperialism with proletarian internationalism."

ALL POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE
LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLES AND ONE DAY THE PEOPLE WILL RISE LIKE A MIGHTY STORM AND WASH THE CRAZY, MAD FASCIST, BUREAUCRAT-CAPITALISTS AWAY
FREE HUEY, THE N.Y. 21 AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
(May the purge continue and through education and experience we can put an end to slimy provocatuers and their foul set-ups)

POLITICAL PRISONERS

You are the epitomy of revolution
Strength bulges from your body and soul,
Your posture so straight, so proud, so tall

Your life and your love is your people
This love that you have is not at all small
Great hope and faith you've put in us all

To work and live with you
has been a pleasure
To us and the people you're a most precious treasure

You know of the rats
the death and disease
The projects the people are imprisoned in to breed

You've felt mental oppression and are being subjected to the most torturous of all things, confinement

But a revolutionary's physical body can only be confined, because we are far away from you but we feel a wave of love and faith in the people within a radious of infinity. We shall avenge your imprisonment and set your bodies free.
Marsha

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THE PARAMILITARY RIGHT

He fiddled with a clip of .30-caliber ammunition. "But you don't even have to be that sophisticated; there are a number of common household items that make fine poisons. Take ordinary [he named a common automotive fluid], for example," DePugh said, "which has an ethylene-glycol base. Ethylene glycol has a pleasant, sweetish taste and can easily be added to a soft drink or a slice of custard pie without your victim ever detecting it before it's too late. One half to one ounce is a fatal dose, and there's no known antidote. It does leave observable lesions that can be detected in a medical examination, but the crucial point to remember is that in most cases of sudden death, an autopsy is not performed and death is attributed to natural causes. There aren't enough doctors in the country to perform an autopsy on everybody who appears to have died of heart failure or shock or kidney disease or diabetic seizure or liver hemorrhage. Let's say you've slipped a dose of ethylene glycol into somebody's food. The average doctor would examine the outward symptoms and invariably diagnose the cause of death as heart failure—which it was, of course, but artificially induced. Even when you do have a post-mortem, unless the authorities have reason to suspect foul play, it's a pretty slipshod, *pro forma* affair. Believe me, if you select the right poison and go about it carefully, it's the easiest thing in the world to kill a man. More coffee?"

I looked down at the dregs in my cup for a long moment before shaking my head.

"Personally," he continued matter-of-factly, "I have a distinct preference for nicotine sulphate, a common liquid alkaloid that can be administered orally, intravenously or through direct absorption by the skin. What's lovely about it is that it's almost instantaneously fatal and leaves no traces except in the blood stream—and even in an autopsy, it's very rare to take a blood analysis, believe it or not. Nicotine sulphate is readily available in a wide range of gardening solutions; all you'd have to do is distill the mixture, slip some into your target's beer, or refill his after-shaving lotion with it. It's absorbed quickly, particularly if he's nicked himself while shaving, and unless it's washed off with cold water within sixty seconds, it'll cause dizziness, collapse, respiratory paralysis and death."

He then described another poison so easy to manufacture that I am unwilling to write about it for a wide-circulation magazine. After this I asked: "Do you have any other favorite poisons?"

He thought a moment. "Well, the Russian K. G. B. has done great things with a cyanide gas gun. You may remember that one of their assassins who defected to the West in Berlin a few years ago, a guy named Bogdan Stashinsky, confessed to having liquidated two prominent Ukrainian exiles with an ordinary water pistol filled with cyanide. All you have to do is wait on a stair well till your victim passes you, cover your nose and mouth with a damp handkerchief and spray him in the face. The first inhalation is fatal, and within sixty seconds all cyanide smell in the air will be dissipated. Since the target has died climbing a flight of stairs, death is invariably diagnosed as heart failure—as was the case with the two Ukrainians."

"Have you actually stockpiled any of these poisons and viruses?"

His face was expressionless. "Those—and more."

"Whom do you intend using them on?"

"On the enemies of this country," he said gravely, pushing his chair back and walking to my side. "Come in here, and I'll show you something I haven't showed any other journalist."

I followed DePugh from his office through a dusty storeroom heaped with empty jars labeled "Biolab. Vitamin Supplements" and into a large room littered with old newspapers and magazines. There was no furniture other than eight steel file cabinets, each drawer securely padlocked. He stood in the middle of the room and gestured toward them.

"We're in the process of dispersing all our subversive files," he said. "What you see here is only our California records. The master files—containing over one hundred thousand names from all fifty states—have been buried underground in several places across the country, and cross-indexed lists broken down by state, county and city have gone out to local branches. In recent months, we've totally decentralized our intelligence system so that if something should happen to me or this headquarters, our records will still be intact."



UPI Telephoto
ROBERT de PUGH
Minuteman founder

He took a key from his pocket and opened the top drawer on the end cabinet. It was packed with hundreds of three-by-five-inch white file cards, arranged in alphabetical order.

"Each of these file cards has a corresponding dossier in California regional headquarters." He selected a card at random. "Here's a Commie who lives in Sausalito. The card lists his name, address and phone number, and California headquarters has a comprehensive portfolio containing all the information we've gathered on his movements, his job, his personal tastes—women, liquor, boys, drugs, etc. When and if the time comes to neutralize him, we'll have all the information down pat."

He returned the card and slammed the drawer shut, locking it and carefully testing the handle.

"We have eighteen thousand names in the California file alone. Now, needless to say, we've had to break these down according to the importance of the individual in the over-all scheme of things and establish a set of priorities." He tapped the first drawer. "File A contains the names of the run-of-the-mill fellow travelers and parlor pinks, the types who join different Red fronts or show up on picket lines but aren't full-time operatives. They're essentially dilettantes and, although they have to be kept under surveillance and someday dealt with, they don't constitute a really serious threat." He rapped his knuckles on the second drawer. "File B here contains the cards of those who are the next step up the subversive ladder—full-time Party members, draft-card burners, civil rights agitators. Whenever we have the man power, we try to keep them under full-time surveillance, but they're still fairly small fish." His eyes narrowed, and he reached down and unlocked the bottom drawer, which contained fewer cards. "Now this is file C—the really dangerous types, the big-time operators, the most dedicated enemies of our country in this particular state. These sons of bitches we give special attention."

"If you're convinced that these people are all traitors, what action do you propose to take against them?"

He smiled enigmatically. "Effective action—when the time comes."

"Would that include assassination?" I asked.

His voice was neutral. "Anyone listed in file C has betrayed his country to the most ruthless enemies it has ever known. The penalty for treason is death, and if the execution of the sentence is left to us—well, we accept the responsibility." He smiled. "Don't worry, your name isn't on the New York list. I checked before you came out here."

A spare, wiry man with a grizzled mustache whom I hadn't seen before entered the room. "Seattle's on the line," he said expressionlessly.

"I'll be right back," DePugh murmured, his jaw tightening as he followed the other man out.

Alone for a moment, I began copying down some of the names in the Minuteman C file. Each card in the file was a photostatic copy, the names and addresses triple spaced. I had time to jot down 11 potential victims before DePugh returned. Most of the addresses were in the Stanford area and none of the names familiar. I heard DePugh's footsteps and slipped my pad and pencil away seconds before he opened the door. He appeared preoccupied, no longer avid to display his intelligence records.

"Let's go eat," he said, returning the file to the drawer and locking it. "It's been a long day."

As we left the building, I asked DePugh how he could be certain that his information on more than 100,000 names across the country was accurate. "Suppose you were to give the order to liquidate somebody in your C file," I suggested, "and it turned out subsequently that he wasn't a subversive at all. How would you feel about sending an innocent man to his death?"

He shrugged. "About as guilty as Lyndon Johnson feels sending thousands of kids to die in Vietnam," he replied in a bored tone. "And anyway, our files are constantly checked and double-checked for accuracy. If we put somebody on the C list, he *belongs* there."

"Are there any prominent names on the list?" I asked as we walked along Norborne's streets toward his house.

He chuckled. "There are names on that list that anybody who reads a newspaper would recognize."

"Would you care to name a few of them?"

"Why not? Secretary Robert *Strange* McNamara," he replied, hissing the middle name sibilantly. "Hubert Humphrey, William Fulbright, Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King. [This was early March 1968—one month before King's assassination, three months before Kennedy's.] They're the most dangerous men in America, though God knows they're not alone."

His face suddenly hardened, and he halted and gripped me by the arm. "Remember what I told you earlier about the principle of deliberate delay?" he asked. "Well, that phase of the struggle is just about over. The Minutemen are now entering the revolutionary stage of our activities, and from now on no holds are barred." He released my arm abruptly and pulled the wrapper off another lozenge. "No holds at all. We're through talking."

I asked him what had caused this sudden change of tactics, but he just shook his head wordlessly and walked on in silence. Suddenly, his eyes brightened. "Here's my place. You're going to love the wife's blueberry pie!"

After DePugh dropped me off at my motel later that evening, I was unable to sleep. Throughout dinner and during the ride back from Norborne, he had elaborated messianically on his hopes for the future, occasionally ranging off into such disparate topics as the responsibility of the existential philosophers ("the cult of nausea," as he characterized them) for modern *Weltschmerz*, and the contradictions of Keynesian economics. He was a civilized, frequently witty conversationalist, and only once did the mask slip—when I asked him how enduring he thought Martin Luther King's nonviolent philosophy would prove in light of rising black militancy. "That phony bastard!" His knuckles on the steering wheel were white. "He's been a Red agitator for years. And they give the Nobel Peace Prize to that fraud, the *Reverend* Martin Luther King!" He spat out *Reverend* as if it were a dirty word.

The next morning, DePugh failed to keep his appointment at my motel, and no one answered the phone at his home or office. Later that evening, I learned from a friend in the Associated Press that a Seattle grand jury had issued a warrant for his arrest on bank-robbing-conspiracy charges the day before and, one step ahead of the law, DePugh had gone into hiding. I suddenly realized the real reason for the beard and, more importantly, for DePugh's uncharacteristic frankness with me: He viewed our interview as his last public appearance, his swan song before entering what he termed the "underground phase of the resistance." It may also have accounted for his statement, shortly after receiving the phone call from Seattle, that the principle of deliberate delay was a thing of the past and the Minutemen were now entering a new phase of terrorism and assassination.

In the months since our final meeting—marked by the assassinations of Dr. King and Senator Kennedy and a new spate of terror attacks on peace and civil rights advocates—DePugh has successfully eluded the police, issuing underground news bulletins to the faithful with apparent impunity. (*Underground Bulletin No. 2*, issued from "somewhere in the United States" after the election, charged that George Wallace's American Independent Party is Communist-controlled. When the "enemy" failed to gain control of his Patriotic Party, DePugh wrote his followers, it turned to the A.I.P., which today "is controlled at the top by the same hidden hand that controls the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.") His FBI "Wanted" circular cautions that "DePugh reportedly carries a pistol and has access to other types of weapons, including hand grenades. Consider extremely dangerous."

Even if DePugh is apprehended and imprisoned, there is little doubt that the Minutemen will continue to function; well before he went into hiding, he selected a "second string" of leaders to run the organization in the event of his death or incarceration. But the basic question remains: Can DePugh and his Minutemen really do what they say? The answer seems to be that they cannot by themselves—but they are not alone. Other paramilitary groups are burgeoning across the country under the stimulus of growing racial unrest. Some of these are leftist, and some black, such as the Black Panthers. But there is little doubt that the largest and most organized groups cluster around DePugh's end of the political spectrum. He is on particularly close terms with the Reverend Kenneth Goff of Englewood, Colorado, leader of the Soldiers of the Cross, an organization of between 3000 and 12,000 members, operating primarily in California and the Southwest. Goff, who graduated from the Communist Party to Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade and went into the witch-hunting business on his own several years ago, blends Protestant fundamentalism and anti-Semitism (his oft-repeated theme is that "The United Nations is as Jewish as Coney Island") with judo, karate, *savate*, torture, mutilation and such desert survival techniques as the eating of toads and grasshoppers.

Another group on good fraternal terms with the Minutemen—and with Goff's outfit—is the California Rangers, commanded by Colonel William P. Gale, U. S. Army (Ret.), who organized Philippine guerrilla forces against the Japanese in World War Two as an aide to General Douglas MacArthur. Gale views the Communists as tools of "the international Jewish conspiracy: You got your nigger Jews, you got your Asiatic Jews and you got your white Jews. They're all Jews and they're all the offspring of the Devil." The colonel's favorite aphorism is, "Turn a nigger inside out and you've got a Jew": and he contends that Adolf Hitler's reputation as a war criminal is all a misunderstanding: "I can show you top-secret documents that prove the six million Jews Hitler was supposed to have killed are right here in America. And if we run them out of here, they'll go down to South America and start screaming about how we burned them in gas chambers. I've got two ovens ready for them now."

The Rangers are one component of an intricate network of religio-paramilitary groups operating in California and the Southwest. A report by the California attorney general reveals that the

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Rangers "have intimate connections with the Ku Klux Klan, the National States Rights Party, the Christian Defense League and the Church of Jesus Christ—Christian," in addition to the Minutemen. The Church of Jesus Christ—Christian, founded in 1946, has blossomed into a string of affluent parishes from California to Florida. Its founder, the Reverend Dr. Wesley Swift of Lancaster, California, reaches over 1,000,000 listeners with his weekly radio broadcasts, which artfully blend racism and evangelism. His subordinates faithfully carry out their concept of the Christian mission: The Reverend Oren Potito, minister of the sect's St. Petersburg, Florida, parish and representative of its Eastern Conference, was arrested in Oxford, Mississippi, in October 1962 while organizing demonstrations against the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi; police confiscated a small cache of firearms in his car. The church's most charismatic preacher is the Reverend Connie Lynch, a peripatetic anti-Negro demagog who wears a Confederate flag as a vest. Also a member of the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen, Lynch was the chief organizer of the bloody anti-Negro riots in St. Augustine in 1964, and in 1966 he traveled to Chicago to help George Lincoln Rockwell whip up whites against Negro open-housing demonstrators.

Informally linked to both Swift and DePugh is the National States Rights Party, with headquarters in Savannah, Georgia, and, next to the Minutemen, the largest paramilitary organization in the nation. The N.S.R.P. has chapters in every state of the Union, but refuses to release its membership figures; a conservative estimate is 2000 members and 8000 to 12,000 active sympathizers. The party was formed in 1958 by Dr. Edward R. Fields, a chiropractor—who had previously initiated an "Anti-Jew Week" in the course of which he plastered the windows of Jewish-owned shops with anti-Semitic stickers—and Jesse B. Stoner, an attorney whose prior ventures into politics were as kleagle of the K.K.K. in Chattanooga and founder of the short-lived Stoner Christian Anti-Jewish Party, which advocated making Judaism a capital offense. His subsequent activities include legal representation of James Earl Ray, the convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. Membership in the N.S.R.P. is, predictably, restricted to "white Christian Americans," and the Negro is described in the party organ as "a higher form of gorilla."

This rabid racist group was initially political in orientation and contested local elections—running on a platform of deportation for America's entire Jewish and Negro populations—in several Southern states. But by 1960, Fields reconstructed the party along paramilitary lines: A party uniform (white shirt, black tie, black trousers and arm bands emblazoned with a thunderbolt insignia reminiscent of the Nazi SS emblem) was designed, arms were stockpiled and strict military discipline imposed on all members.

N.S.R.P. activists have been involved in a number of terrorist attacks on Negroes and Jews. The party first broke into the news on October 12, 1958, when a dynamite blast destroyed a Jewish synagogue in Atlanta; five men were arrested and tried for the crime, all of them N.S.R.P. members. In 1963—the same year the party launched a "Fire Your Nigger" campaign to drive more Negroes out of the South—a scuffle erupted in San Bernardino, California, between uniformed N.S.R.P. pickets and high school students, during which one of the storm troopers shot and wounded a student. On September 15, 1963, Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church was shattered by a dynamite blast during Sunday services, and four Negro children died. An N.S.R.P. member was arrested in connection with the bombing, charged with illegal possession of dynamite and—in the absence of conclusive eyewitness evidence placing him at the scene—sentenced to six months in prison. After an N.S.R.P. rally in Anniston, Alabama, in late 1965, in which speakers urged patriots to drive "the nigger out of the white man's street," one of the galvanized party sympathizers in the audience took off in his car with two friends and fatally shot the first Negro he saw.

In recent years, the National States Rights Party has solidified its links with other right-wing paramilitary organizations—including the Minutemen—and urged its members to increase their stockpiles of weapons. The N.S.R.P. is still relatively small, but growing—and so is its potential for violence. Its membership reflects considerable cross-pollination with the Klan and the Minutemen, but its leaders fail to exercise even the comparative verbal restraint of the pre-underground DePugh. The California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities has warned that "This organization is . . . more potentially dangerous than any of the American Nazi groups."

The Ku Klux Klan, despite its long record of violence, has not until recently become a genuine paramilitary organization. The Klan has traditionally been an instrument of local terrorism rather than national revolution. Its murders, beatings and tortures have generally been carried out as vigilante acts of vengeance against "uppity" Negroes and real or imagined white traitors to the "Southern way of life," rather than as part of an orchestrated program of subversion. But all that is changing.

Today there are over a dozen Klans functioning across the country. According to political historian George Thayer, "Each one guards its individuality most jealously, refusing to subordinate itself to any one man's rule. The current strength of all Klans together is estimated to be from 50,000 to 100,000, with an additional 1,000,000 sympathizers." The largest and most violent Klan—and the one most closely linked to the Minutemen—is the United Klans of America, run with an iron hand by Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Shelton's Klans have at least 40,000 members—some estimates run as high as 85,000—scattered through 48 states, including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Delaware, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Indiana. (Pennsylvania Grand Dragon Roy Frankhouser, Jr., claims—possibly with some truth—that there are currently more Kluxers in Wisconsin than in South Carolina.)

Under Shelton's leadership, the Klans have adopted a distinctly paramilitary orientation. Large caches of arms, including automatic weapons, have been stockpiled across the country; Klan "military committees" have been established to teach members the techniques of guerrilla warfare; "rifle clubs" and "sportsmen's clubs" have been established as fronts; and Klansmen are instructed by Shelton to join the National Rifle Association, thus allowing them to buy Government-subsidized ammunition at low prices. Klansmen have been holding more and more field exercises, Minutemen style, where members are taught sniper and rapid-fire shooting and instructed in mortar firing and the construction and handling of dynamite, fuses, Molotov cocktails and booby traps. (A recent Klan exercise taught trainees how to sabotage radio stations and power plants.) One paramilitary Klan group—Nacirema, Inc.—is even alleged to specialize in assassination. Its members are composed of the elite of Klan toughs, and are exhaustively trained in the tactics of terrorism and sabotage. The "VIP Security Guard," an organization of bodyguards for Klan rallies, outfitted in white helmets and gray shirts and slacks, is also reportedly being enlarged into a well-armed private police force. In plain clothes, its members served as bodyguards for George Wallace at his American Independent Party rallies; when Wallace visited Pennsylvania in 1967, K.K.K. Grand Dragon and Minuteman chief Frankhouser organized his "security detail."

"In the old days," Frankhouser explains, "the Klan was a means of terrorizing the niggers and carpetbaggers and protecting local institutions. But that way of life has been destroyed forever, and the Klan has had to stop fighting a futile rear-guard action and change with the times. We're not out to conserve the system now, but to change it in ways that will protect the white race—even if that means a revolution. The Klan is a nationwide organization today, not a regional defense force, and our tactics and strategy are attuned to the Twentieth Century. Along with the Minutemen, the Klan is developing thousands of dedicated guerrilla fighters. If the niggers push us too far, we won't be burning crosses—we'll be burning cities."

But Frankhouser denies any formal



Photo by Richard Gordon

organizational unity between Shelton's Klan and the Minutemen: "We work independently, but we also complement each other, and the lines of communication are always open between us. The Klan's military committees are doing exactly what the Minutemen are doing: training men in weapons equipment and handling, in caching weapons, in all the tactics of clandestine warfare. We've got the same enemies, the same friends and the same goals. We're fighting under different leadership, but we're fighting *together* just the same."

In addition to the major paramilitary organizations, a host of lesser groups have appeared on the national horizon in the past two years—primarily in response to the deteriorating racial situation in the ghettos of the major cities. After the devastating Detroit riots, local right-wingers formed an outfit called Breakthrough, which urges members to arm and organize their neighborhoods block by block into a cohesive vigilante force. In late 1967, Breakthrough leader Donald Lobsinger organized the General Douglas MacArthur Shooting Club and admonished his followers to join both it and the N. R. A. in order to receive arms training in anticipation of the next racial holocaust. Lobsinger has attracted thousands of Detroiters to his rallies, and recruited hundreds of members in racially tense neighborhoods. In the event of future disturbances in the Negro areas of the city, Breakthrough's potential for violence is real and menacing.

In Newark, a similar armed vigilante group was formed in the aftermath of racial rioting—the North Ward Citizens Committee, led by a demagog named Anthony Imperiale. The group encourages all members to own firearms and train in their use, and has established squads of armed citizens to patrol the streets at night in cars dubbed "jungle cruisers." The committee has an estimated membership of 1500, at least 1000 of whom belong to a local gun club. Imperiale is also rumored to have established a central cache of arms somewhere in Newark, but he denies the allegation. The committee has been denounced by New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes as a "potential threat to peace and law and order in New Jersey."

With all its constituent organizations the paramilitary right in America is still numerically small. Including the Klan, the total membership probably amounts to no more than 150,000—and of that number only a minority of zealots will ever be willing to jeopardize their personal security by engaging in overt acts of violence. But with each new race riot, with every deepening of the bitter divisions between black and white, left and right, young and old, with each new economic convulsion and social upheaval, their numbers and determination will almost certainly grow.

The paramilitary right has no realistic hope of ever seizing power in America—even an America convulsed by racial war. If there is a right-wing take-over, it will almost certainly be validated at the polls, and its leaders will be respectable men of the middle forced to uphold "law and order" by curbing the traditional democratic liberties of freedom of press, speech and assembly. Thus, the Minutemen and their allies are outsiders, and will remain so. But the Minuteman is very much a child of this society, nurtured and shaped by the political demonology and hysterical anti-Communist rhetoric of the Cold War, shadowed through life by the Bomb and squeezed into an increasingly depersonalized, bureaucratic computer world he didn't make and doesn't understand. It is a sociopolitical atmosphere that easily breeds paranoia—and elevates it into a life style. But the implications of the Minuteman mentality transcend paranoia. The Minuteman addresses himself to very real problems—racial chaos, economic unrest and a bloody and inconclusive war in Asia that daily increases national frustration and exacerbates political divisions. His response to these problems may be irrational, violent and vicious, but it is unquestionably a reflection of the extremity of the social crises confronting us. If American cities continue to burn, if our best leaders continue to fall under snipers' bullets, if thousands of young men continue to die—spiritually as well as physically—in nameless rice paddies, the sickness that has spawned the Minutemen will grow in virulence, and may spread throughout society.

Philosopher Daniel Bell has written that ours "is a fragile system. If there is a lesson to be learned from the downfall of democratic government in Italy, Spain, Austria and Germany . . . it is that the crucial turning point comes . . . when political parties or social movements can successfully establish 'private armies' whose resort to violence—street fighting, bombings, the breakup of their opponents' meetings, or simply intimidation—cannot be controlled by the elected authorities, and whose use of violence is justified or made legitimate by the respectable elements in society."

The Minutemen are among the symptoms, not the causes, of the malaise that afflicts America, a mirror in which to view the worst side of our society and ourselves before it's too late—if we care to look.

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Park Protest Death Ruled Justifiable

Speedy Verdict Returned at Inquest in Berkeley

BY PHILIP HAGER
Times Staff Writer

OAKLAND — A coroner's jury ruled Friday the death of James B. Rector in disorders over the Berkeley "people's park" was justifiable homicide.

The jury, after deliberating only 35 minutes, said Rector's death resulted from a shotgun blast from what it called "an unknown, unidentifiable Alameda County deputy sheriff."

The finding ended a two-day inquiry into the shooting of Rector, a 25-year-old San Jose man who died four days after the May 15 riot in which scores were injured in violence between dissidents and police.

The jury chose not to name the deputy who shot Rector, although Leonard N. Johnson Jr., a bespectacled, 17-year member of the sheriff's force, testified earlier it was "very possible" his gunfire hit Rector.

Asked by Croner Harry Skiles if he thought he was the man who shot Rector, Johnson replied:

"I'm the only officer I know about who fired buckshot toward that roof."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



FOR A

UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM



OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

JULY 18, 19, 20,



FASCISM THE POWER OF FINANCE CAPITAL ITSELF

THIS CONFERENCE FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM IS CALLED BY THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE FREEDOM OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POLITICAL FREEDOM FOR ALL PROLETARIAN TYPE ORGANIZATIONS, THE FREEDOM AND POLITICAL WORK OF ALL STUDENTS, FARMERS, WORKERS, AND THE LUMPEN MUST BE DEVELOPED INTO A NATIONAL FORCE, A FRONT WHICH ANSWERS THE BASIC DESIRES AND NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE IN FASCIST, CAPITALISTIC, RACIST AMERICA. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WILL BE COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE TO END FASCISM.

IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, JULY 18, 19, 20 & 21st REPRESENTATIVES FROM AROUND THE COUNTIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, SOME 5,000 OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES WILL DEVELOP A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM. HEADQUARTERS BLACK PANTHER PARTY OFFICE, 3106 SHATTUCK AVE., BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, 845-0103 OR 845-0104.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

REVOLUTIONARY POETRY

Because We Love Life

Because we love life
we can fight to the death

We want it to be known
to be well understood, so that no one is mistaken
that these words circulate in our blood
and course through our bodies and into our hearts
where they are repeated day after day
in voices muffled and profound

Because we love life
we can fight to the death

We want it to be known
we want everyone on earth to listen to us carefully
and know that every person here carries
these ten words written on his forehead, floating
in his pupils, sheltered
in the nests of his clenched fists

We want it to be known
that here no one is blind
here no one walks with is eyes closed
nobody stumbles around in the darkness
or calls Ulysses; there are no sirens
here we all know the way
and the price of the passage
here we all say

because we love life
because we love
everything we have caressed
that which has existed
for eternities (the alchemy of dreams)
and those things which are so close
so much our own, undiluted
in our blood, the jubilation
limited to a certain name
or a few family names
the cultivated manners
which are so mysteriously congruent
with the pulse of our own hearts,
we can fight to the death
We want it to be known
to be well understood, so that no one is mistaken
that here we can all say

Because we love life
because we love
the light of the patio, the sun on the eaves
that twisted branch of the orange tree
beside the well
the humble stones of a nameless street
so distant that it seems to enter
into the mythology of the soul,
We can fight to the death

We want it to be known
We want everyone on earth to listen
Here no one is blind
Here we all know
We know, yes we know
that it is possible to snap
the slender wire that strings together
lie's small moments--unknowing
belonging to others--here
in this solitary universe
a nostalgic territory, our own.
All this, in a game
both fateful and cruel, can be
suddenly exposed and lost
We know
eyes closed
here no one is blind
here we all have our ears tuned in
to the beating of our hearts.
That is the voice that orders and directs
and gives us our sentence

Because we love life
because we love
things that happy hands
create and build
without thinking that it is all
made for those who
have not yet been born

To death we will fight
to defend life

Even Beneath This Bitterness

At the bottom of the night
the footsteps descend and retreat.

Shadows surround them.
Streets, drunks. Buildings.
Someone running away from himself.
A broken bottle, bleeding.
A widowed paper sailing around a corner.
A freethinker pissing on the grass,
where tomorrow the well-dressed children
will play
beside the dew.

Far away something screams, dark metal, genital.
Asphalt and blind stones, sleeping air,
darkness, cold, police, cold, more police.
Streets, whores, drunks, buildings.
Police again, soldiers, Again police.
The statistics say: for every 80,000
officers of the law
there is one doctor in Guatemala.

Then understand the misery of my country,
and my pain and everyone's pain.
If when I say: Bread!
they say
shut up!
and when I say: Liberty:
they say
Die!

But I don't shut up and I don't die.
I live
and fight, maddening
those who rule my country.

For if I live
I fight,
and if I fight
I contribute to the dawn
And so victory is born
even in the bitterest hours.

SATISFACTION

The most beautiful
for those who have fought a whole life,
is to come to the end and say:
we believed in man and in life
and life and man
never let us down.

And so they are won for the people.
And so the infinite example is born.

Not because they fought a part of their lives
but because they fought all the days of their lives.

Only this way do men become men:
fighting day and night to be men.

Then the people open their deepest rivers
and they enter those waters forever.

And so they are, distant fires,
living creating the heart
of example.

Otto Rene Castillo
Translated by Margaret Randell

TO THE WOMEN OF BABYLON

You are not here as powder puff bitches
The pig is oppressing you too!
So don't think you can Georgia your way out
The amount of suffering we have all been subjected to
Does not separate we females
The hog don't care who he beats in the head
so remove your false eyelashes
So you can see that they will suppress you too.
If you cannot remove your disguise
then young hoe you don't belong here!
cause a fat ass and silk stockings
don't create a bullet proof shield.
And if a silk stud Daddy is your goal
then you might as well watch a rat run in his hole
cause a punk decorated in diamonds and gators will leave you on your fat ass.
You better get real slick, hop into some big bens
and become a worker for the people
Become a revolutionary woman and have a revolutionary man.
To be the other half, you must be
strong and carry the love of your people
instead of mascara. Because I know for a fact, mascara
runs when you cry

Marsha

Agenda for National Conference for a United Front Against Fascism

July 18, 19 and 20, 1969
Oakland, California

FIRST
NATIONAL CONFERENCE for a
UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM in America

FORMAT OF U.F.A.F. CONFERENCE

FRIDAY

7:00 pm-11:30 pm — *1) Introductory; keynote; Women versus Fascism . . . . Oakland Auditorium*

SATURDAY

10:00 am-1:00 pm — *2) Workers versus fascism. . . . . Oakland Auditorium*

2:00 pm-5:00pm — *3) Students and Education versus Fascism . . . . Bobby Hutton Memorial Park*

7:30 pm-10:30 pm — *4) Political Prisoners and Political Freedom . . . . Oakland Auditorium*

SUNDAY

10:00 am-12:00 pm — *5) People's Health and Fascism . . . . .Bobby Hutton Memorial Park*

12:30 pm-3:30 pm — *6) Religion versus Fascism . . . . Bobby Hutton Memorial Park*

3:30 pm-4:30 pm — *7) American Servicemen versus Fascism . . . . Bobby Hutton Memorial Park*

6:30 pm-9:00 pm — *8) Community Control (decentralization) of Police (mass workshop).Oakland Auditorium*

9:00 pm-10:00 pm — *9) Final: the National Committees to Combat Fascism in America ... Oakland Auditorium*

WHAT WE WANT



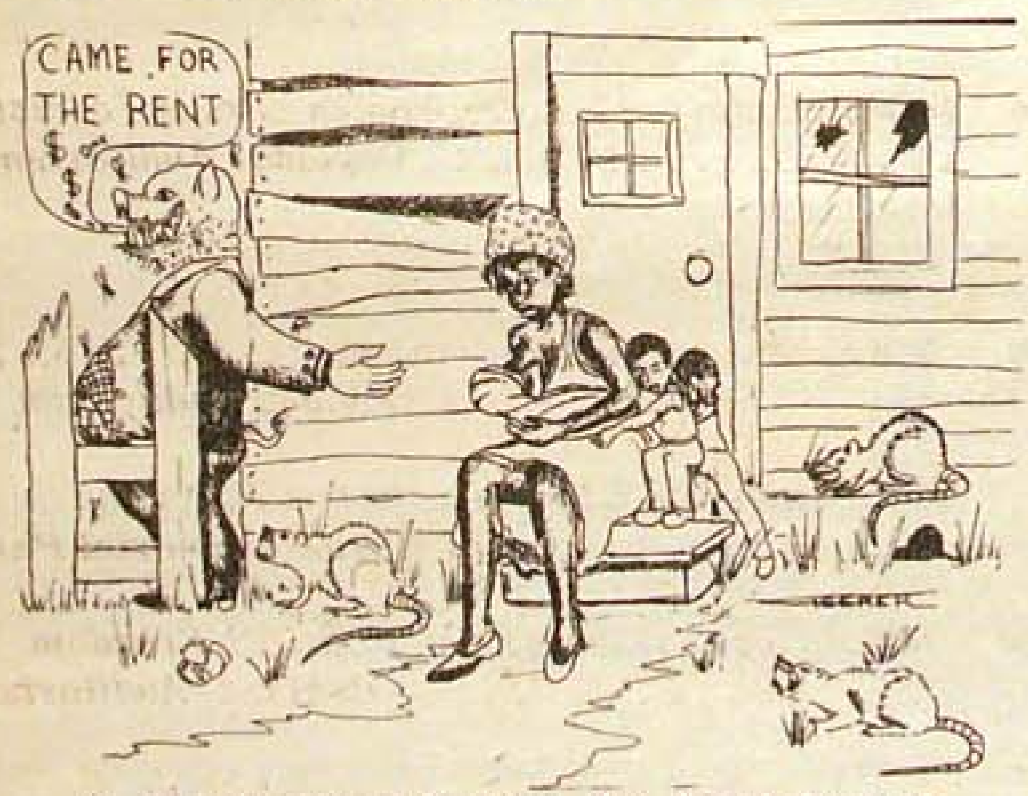
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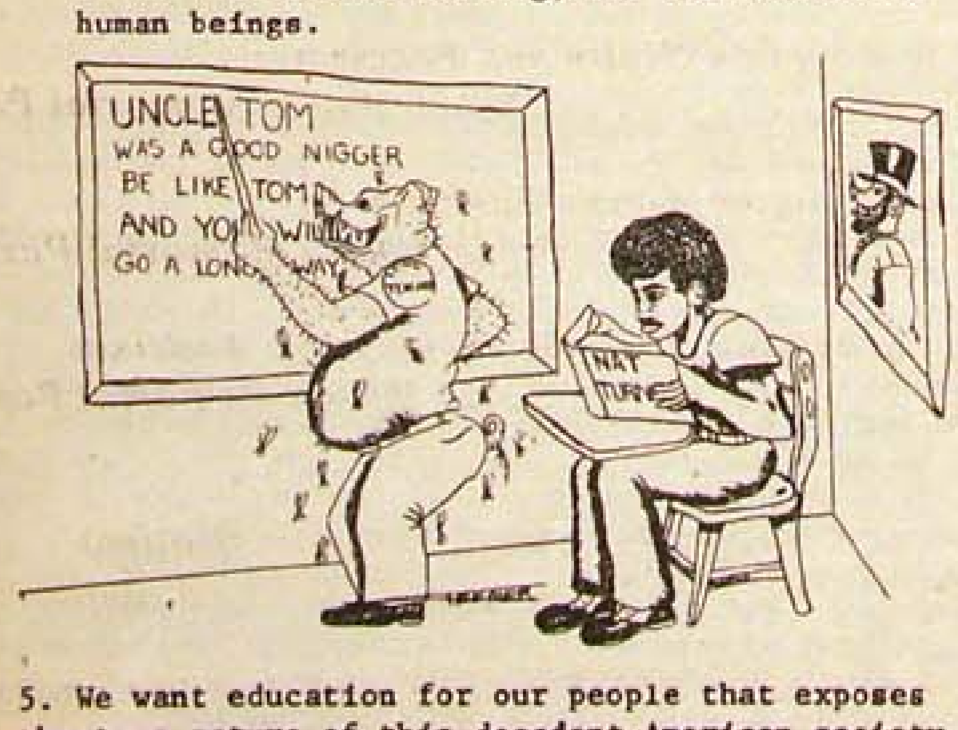
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3. We want an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our Black Community.



4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.



5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.



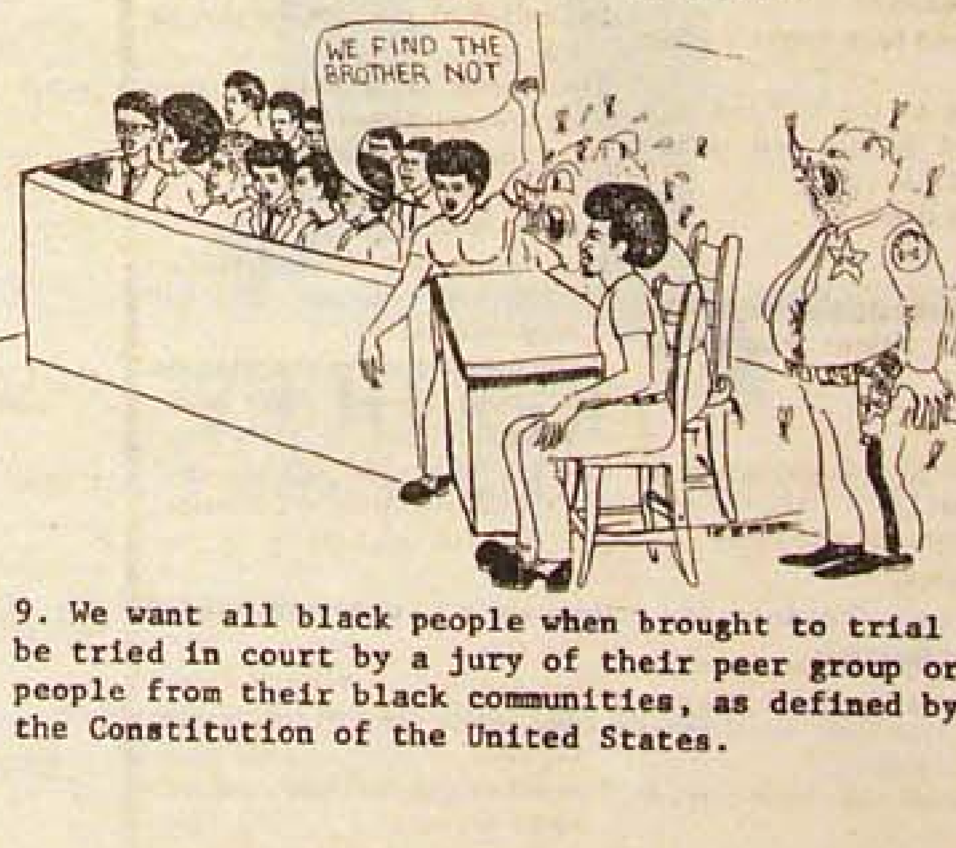
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7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.



8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.



9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long estal ..ed should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and unsurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA..

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY..
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.
2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.
3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.

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